

Town of
Harpswell
Maine



2015 *Annual Report*

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Dedication

The 2015 Annual Town Report is dedicated to the memories of four outstanding public servants who collectively dedicated over 90 years of service to Harpswell.



Frances Johnson

31 years as Town Clerk and
3 as Deputy Town Clerk



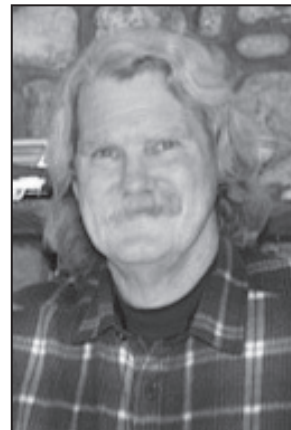
LaVerne Vago

5 years as Town Clerk and
3 as Deputy Town Clerk



Anita Morse

Over 30 years as a
secretary for the Town and
its Board of Selectmen



Ed Sparks

Over 20 years of service
on the Orr's-Bailey Islands
Fire Department



Elected Town Officials

January 1 to December 31, 2015

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:

Richard A. Daniel, Chair (2016)

Kevin E. Johnson (2017)

Elinor Multer (2018)

Town Clerk: Rosalind M. Knight (2016)

Tax Collector: Jill M. Caldwell (2016)

Road Commissioner: Ronald D. Ponziani (2018)

M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors:

Linda W. Hall (2016)

David. A. Johnson (2017)

Sarah A. Clemons (2017)

Joanne M. Rogers (2018)

H Town of Harpswell

Incorporated the 13th Town

January 25, 1758

First Settled: Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled: 1727

2010 Census: 4,740

Registered Voters: 3,947

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2015 State Valuation: \$1,846,200,000

Boards and Committees

BANDSTAND

Robert Modr '16
Bryan Foster '16
Candis Hine '16
Chris Huber '16
Chris Hall '16
Richard Meisenbach '16
William Muldoon '16
Daniel McMahon "16" Associate
Sarah Moulton "16" Associate

BOARD OF APPEALS

John Perry '16
Ellen Lebauer '16
James Knight '17
Kent Simmons '18
Ellen Shillinglaw '18
Patricia Lawson '16 Associate

BUDGET ADVISORY

Donald Miskill, Jr. '16
Allan LeGrow '16
Jane Meisenbach '16
Linda Hall '17
Burton Taylor, Jr. '18

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ann Nemrow '16
Burton Taylor, Jr. '16
Mary Ann Nahf '17
Sue Vachon '17
Deirdre Strachan '18
Paul Ciesielsk '18 Associate
Anne Perry '16 Associate

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '16
Jonathan Burbank '16
Steve Galhardo '16
Walter Johnson '16
William Beazley '16 (Interim)
David Mercier '16
Frank True, Jr. '16
Edward Blain '16 (Resigned)
Eric Chipman '16 (Resigned)

ENERGY

Daniel Huber '16
Paul Desjardins '16
Aaron Despres '16
David Chipman '18
John Monaghan, Jr. '18

FIRE & RESCUE

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '16
Frank True, Jr '16
Walter Johnson '16
William Beazley '16 (Interim)
Gail Hart '16
Cindy Watson '16
Sheila Lucas '16
Edward Blain '16 (Resigned)

HARBOR & WATERFRONT

Jacques Dostie '16
Jon Rogers '16
Jane Jukes '16
Alison Hawkes '16
Burton Taylor, Jr. '18
William Saxton '18
Richard Moseley '16 (Resigned)

MARINE RESOURCES

David Wilson '16
Jon Rogers '16
Weston Watts '16
John Gormley '17
Jeffrey Conant '17
Michael Bernier, Sr. '18
Justin Farmer '18
Wendell Cressey '16 (Resigned)
Shelly Wilson '16 (Resigned)
Connie Bernier '17 (Resigned)

MITCHELL FIELD

Jane Covey '16
Nate Wildes '16
Michael McCabe '17
Scott Sheffer '17
Sandra Allen '17
David Chipman '18
Donald Miskill, Jr. '18
Robert Roark '18
Nancy Sohl '18
William Muldoon '16 (Resigned)

PLANNING BOARD

Burton Taylor, Jr. '16
David Chipman '16
Debora Levensailor '16
Aaron Fuchs '17
Paul Standridge '18
John Papacosma '16 Associate

RECREATION

Susan Rich '16
Anthony Barrett '16
Richard Meisenbach '17
Raymond Sohl '17
Donald Miskill, Jr. '18

David Brooks '18
William Muldoon '17 (Resigned)

RECYCLING

Michael McCabe '16
Alison Hawkes '16
Jeffery Stann '17
John Holland '18
George Barker '18

TOWN LANDS

Ellen Shillinglaw '16
Hope Hilton '16
Jane Smith '16
David Hackett '17
Kenneth Oehmig '17
Edward Perry '17
Jean Richter '18
John Loyd, Jr. '16 Associate

Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen is grateful for all who make up our Town's administration and staff. Their knowledge and commitment to their work and to the citizens of Harpswell are greatly appreciated.

Where would we be without all of you who serve our Town on one or more of its committees, boards or commission? Thank you.

The Board of Selectmen values the relationships the Town has with area civic organizations, businesses and individuals. Thank you for your good work and goodwill towards Harpswell.

Below is a representation of matters the Board of Selectmen has been and is working on.

Mitchell Field

The Board of Selectmen held a workshop with the Mitchell Field Committee, Town administrators, Town staff and others to go over multiple matters that included a proposed boat launch, the use of the administration building, water tower, and gatehouse by interested parties, as well as the collapse of the pump house resulting in a conversation about safety and disposition of the pier and possible means of financing. The Board urges you to read the report submitted by the Mitchell Field Committee about the pier and boat launch. There will be a warrant article at Town Meeting asking for approval of the direction laid out in the Committee report.

Representatives from Senator King's office met with the Town Administrator and Select Board chair at Mitchell field to discuss opportunities on site. Senator King's office has been helpful and supportive and will share information with Senator Collins' office. Senator King's staff facilitated another meeting with a representative of the US Department of Commerce to have a preliminary discussion about possible grants for the infrastructure of the Marine Business District at Mitchell Field.

The Selectmen will be holding a work shop in the coming weeks with Harpswell Coastal Academy (HCA), a party interested in the use of the administration building and land in the business district at Mitchell Field.

Harpswell Aging at Home

In August 2015, the Board of Selectmen partnered with the community non-profit group, Harpswell Aging at Home. This dedicated and purpose driven group, which has undertaken to develop and disseminate a survey, hold focus groups, and issue a report identifying needs, will now concentrate on viable and thoughtful solutions for Harpswell's aging population. Their report can be found on the Town's website. A representative of the Select Board is an ex officio member of this group.

Transportation

Although ridership for the Harpswell Explorer was low, we did learn from this experience and continue to work with Coastal Trans and will seek the assistance of Harpswell Aging at Home in assessing the service and considering alternatives if the need is there.

Cedar Beach

Last year Town Meeting voted to assist the Cedar Beach Cedar Island Supporters (CBCIS) with up to \$110,000 to defend a court ruling that secured access over Cedar Beach Road to Cedar Beach and Cedar Island. \$63,249 has been contributed to CBCIS legal efforts and the appeals process has nearly played out. A decision by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court is expected at any time.

Planner

In the last year, the Board of Selectmen took the opportunity to explore options for the planning services for Harpswell. One of the options was to contract for these services. During this process, we found the services by the current contractor to be of a high professional standard with a solid understanding of Harpswell. The Board of Selectmen agreed that Harpswell would be well served to continue this relationship. We are currently in a six-month contract for these services.

Emergency Services

The Board of Selectmen continues to meet regularly with the Fire and Rescue Committee in an ongoing assessment of emergency services throughout Town. Thank you to the men and women who, at a moment's notice, stop what they're doing and voluntarily place themselves at risk to serve us all in our moments of need.

Marine Resources

The Board of Selectmen is considering joining other towns in the formation of the Tidelands Coalition on which the Marine Resource coordinator would be the Board's representative. This group is collectively working on issues relating to the health of the clam industry. The Selectmen continue to work with the Town's contract Marine Resources coordinator to assist the Marine Resource Committee in its mission.

Land Matters

Along with the ongoing maintenance and improvements to Town lands, the Selectmen negotiated the sale of the Hildreth Road property.

Members of the Select Board and the Town administration joined with representatives of our two US Senators, officials of the State of Maine and the Friends of Peary's Eagle Island at a dedication ceremony recognizing Eagle Island as a National Historic Site.

The Harpswell Heritage Land Trust is asking for \$75,000 to help support its efforts to purchase approximately 69 acres in the Otter Brook area. There will be a warrant article for this at Town Meeting.

Other Matters

Other matters that your Select Board continues to work on and be mindful of include traffic safety, stabilization project at Long Point Road, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood mapping, new SAD # 75 high school project, preliminary planning of phase 2 of the Emergency Medical Services building and State issues as they relate to Harpswell.

The Board of Selectmen strives to serve you in a fiscally responsible, socially responsive and caring manner.

Harpswell's true course is steadied by your participation. We hope to see you at Town Meeting.



Richard A. Daniel



Elinor Multer



Kevin Johnson

Town Administrator

The 2015 Annual Town Report not only summarizes the activities and operations of the Town over a distinctive one-year period, it also presents information about ongoing projects and new proposals. The many reports—by elected officials, staff, outside organizations, committees and other volunteers—represent the diversity and complexity of issues handled by local government. Financial statements contained in the report are reflective of sound fiscal policies and procedures.

2015 Highlights

- Completing a capital project on Bayview, Abner Point, Washington and Steamboat Wharf roads
- Contributing to the efforts of the Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Supporters to secure public access
- Purchasing a new ambulance for use by Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue
- Selling the West Harpswell School property to Harpswell Coastal Academy
- Completing the sale of a tax-acquired parcel on Hildreth Road with 12 acres of the parcel, near Otter Brook, to remain in conservation
- Reinstating the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance
- Partnering with Harpswell Aging at Home to engage the community in an assessment and discussion of aging issues
- Piloting a public transportation system

Looking Ahead to 2016—Many of the following initiatives will depend upon the legislative body's approval at Town Meeting on March 12.

- Completing debris removal from the collapsed pump house at the Mitchell Field pier
- Planning for the future of waterfront development at Mitchell Field
- Undertaking a capital project on Lookout Point, Stover's Cove and Stover's Point roads
- Stabilizing the embankment at the entrance to Long Point road
- Contributing to Harpswell Heritage Land Trust to protect 68 acres at Otter Creek and provide public access
- Partnering with Mid Coast Hunger Prevention to have a mobile food pantry come to Harpswell
- Holding a recreation-based event at Mitchell Field

Operations

Operationally, there are few changes to services in the proposed 2016 budget. The Recreation Director is slated to move from working 25 hours per week to 30 hours, primarily to keep up with programming needs. The budget continues to retain the services of a marine consultant to oversee the Town's shellfish conservation program and covers the cost of planning services by moving from a full-time planner to a contract for planning services that will provide for 10-20 hours per week of service as needed. The proposed 2016 budget continues the implementation of a systematic approach to addressing employee compensation levels by moving employees closer to the mid-points established in the 2014 salary survey.

Long-range planning

In the development of the proposed 2016 budget, much consideration has been given to the possibility of future costly capital projects, such as the disposition of the pier at Mitchell Field, infrastructure for the Marine Business District at Mitchell Field and an expansion of the emergency services building on Mountain Road. Realizing that projects of this magnitude may be on the horizon, the 2016 budget does not propose to add to the Town's current bonded indebtedness. Future Town Meetings will likely need to weigh in on these matters.

The priorities of the Town and its elected officials are supported in large part by the dedicated efforts of the Town's staff and the exceptional contributions of volunteers who serve the community in so many and varied capacities. Thank you to all whose actions serve to strengthen and improve our community.



*Left to right - back: Jim Hays, Kristi Eiane, Fred Cantu, Debbie Turner, Rob Macleer, Diane Plourde, Gail Federico
Front: Terri Sawyer, Cathy Doughty, Linda Strickland, Sandy Bichrest, Rosalind Knight, Jill Caldwell*

Animal Control Officer

Since accepting the position in June 2015, Gail Federico, the Harpswell Animal Control Officer, has responded to 131 calls and developed a good understanding of present and future problems.

First and foremost, is the immunization against rabies for all dogs and cats. It is the pet owner's responsibility to keep pets up-to-date on such shots. Not only is this a State of Maine Law, it is also necessary to show proof of immunization when registering your dogs in Harpswell.

The next biggest issue is owners who have failed to license their dogs with the Town or on-line. Of the 1,050 licensed dogs last year, there are still 234 that have not been licensed as of this writing. The follow-up for unpaid registrations is an expense for the Town, the pet owner and very time consuming for the ACO.

Many complaints are about roaming dogs (most without tags) and barking dogs. Please be mindful that there is a Town of Harpswell ordinance in place with regard to these complaints. Fines may be imposed for disregarding the Town's ordinance.

The ACO continues to try to keep the feral cat population down and is working with the Coastal Humane Society on this issue.

Harpswell homeowners who rent their property, and allow dogs, should remind their renters to bring their pet's rabies certification. If a dog bite occurs, the rabies certificate becomes a necessary document to have.

All complaints, questions, or concerns should be channeled through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Public Safety Dispatch Center at 1-800-501-1111.

In the absence of the ACO, Judy Arndt serves as back-up ACO.

In closing, the ACO can only be of assistance to anyone with domestic animal issues or concerns which are brought to her attention. Please be respectful to your neighbors and mindful of the Town ordinance. Most of all, please vaccinate, license, and have identification tags on your dogs.

Assessing Office

The Assessing Office provides the taxpayers of Harpswell with fair and equitable valuations of real estate and business personal property, for tax purposes, in accordance with Maine State Law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations and providing reliable information.

As of April 1, 2015, taxable valuation of the Town of Harpswell was \$1,805,420,500. This includes taxable real estate with a value of \$1,800,372,600 and taxable personal property with a value of \$5,047,900. The value of tax-exempt property was \$65,284,000. There are currently 4,995 real estate accounts and 151 personal property accounts.

The Assessors committed the annual assessments to the Tax Collector on August 6, 2015 with a mil rate of \$6.24, due dates of 9/16/2015 and 12/16/2015, an interest rate of 6% on delinquent taxes and a total of \$11,265,824 to be collected for 2015 taxes.

The Town of Harpswell has land area of 14,230 acres and approximately 216 miles of ocean frontage. Of the 4,995 land parcels, 4,192 are improved and 803 are vacant. Sixteen percent of the acreage in Harpswell is in the State's Current Use Program. 1,464 acres are enrolled in the Tree Growth Program and 683 acres are protected under the Open Space Program. There are 94 acres of farm land and 89 acres of farm woodland enrolled in the Farm Land Current Use Program. Nine percent of the acreage in Harpswell is exempt from taxation, including over 357 of protected land owned by Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. Additionally, the Town of Harpswell owns over 411 acres and the State of Maine and other land trusts own 553 acres, all of which is tax exempt.

Annually, the Assessing Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments based on changes that occurred during the year [496 properties were visited in 2015]. The department is also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership [321 transfers]. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual ratio study, which compares the actual selling price of property to assessments. The most recent study conducted for state valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, are at approximately 98% of market value. The Assessing Office is also responsible for processing Homestead Exemptions [1,413], and Veterans and Veterans' Widows' Exemptions [240].

Please contact Debbie Turner or Jean Rich at the Assessing Office by calling 833-5771 or visit our Town's website at www.harpswell.maine.gov and go to Town Departments and click on Assessor for information about property cards, tax maps, sales data, deeds, plans and applications for the Current Use Programs and exemptions that the State offers such as Veteran, Homestead & Blind exemptions, Tree Growth, Open Space & Farmland classifications, Charitable & Benevolent Institutions and Working Waterfront.

Caretaker

The Town Caretaker is responsible for the maintenance of Town-owned lands and buildings. The ongoing projects and efforts by the Town Caretaker in 2015 included:

- Replacement of the generator at the Town Office.
- Grading and paving of the parking lot and walking areas at the Town Office and the EMT garage.
- Maintenance of fire suppression system at the Town Office.
- Removal and replacing the shingled roof on the Town Office.
- Upgrading interior/exterior lighting at the Town Office.

- Working with various Town staff to facilitate upkeep, maintenance and storage of Town-owned landings, wharves, watercraft and vehicles.
- Ongoing and future maintenance programs at the Town Office include upgrading bathroom facilities to meet ADA requirements and replacing environmental system controls.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town-owned lands or buildings, feel free to contact the Town Office at (207) 833-5771 and ask for the Code Enforcement Office.

Code Enforcement Office

In 2015 the Code Enforcement Office said goodbye to Jason Marshall and welcomed Fred Cantu, formerly the Manager of the Recycling Center. Throughout 2015 the number of building permits increased by 21%, while plumbing permits decreased by 4%. The number of permits keeps the Code Enforcement Officers busy with inspections and site visits. If you're planning a project, remember that all construction must comply with MUBEC (Maine Uniform Building & Energy Code) and be inspected for compliance. The Code Office asks those who are building to please allow ample time for inspections (plumbing inspections require a 24-hour notice) to ensure that we don't ask you to take it apart. If it is buried, encased or enclosed, the Code Office will need to look at it. Contact the Code Enforcement Office if you are unsure whether a project requires a permit, inspections, or a Certificate of Compliance and/or Occupancy.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is still working to modernize and digitize coastal flood hazard maps. Cumberland and York Counties are still not complete, with another evaluation expected that utilizes different calculation methods for wave run-up models. Therefore, the November 2013 Preliminary Maps are not valid, and may be completely re-drawn before this update is over. Code Enforcement Officers are available to review current flood maps and the Town's website will continue to be updated as new information is received.

Please feel free to visit, call or e-mail with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Year Issued	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	New Home (Stick & Modular)	Accessory Structures	Additions Renovations	Piers Docks Floats	Rip-Rap Seawall	Other/repairs /maintnance	Replacement Dwellings	Repair/ Replace Wharf	Condos
2010	291	158	5	20	92	71	6	15	68	12	2	0
2011	278	158	3	18	62	89	14	15	57	8	12	0
2012	252	160	1	16	43	97	11	8	55	11	10	0
2013	265	168	1	22	69	84	16	10	44	9	9	1
2014	269	185	1	25	36	136	18	4	24	2	23	0
2015	325	177	2	17	70	42	19	7	137	4	27	0

Emergency Management Agent

During the winter of 2015, we got our fair share of snow. In spite of that, the Town came through it all in good shape, in large part due to the readiness of our First Responder community to meet the needs of our neighbors and the Road Commissioner's efforts to coordinate road clearing and treatment operations. Our success was also a reflection of each citizen's efforts to ensure individual preparedness. If you are looking for ways to help with your own readiness, you can find good information on the following web site: www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/.

Revision of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan is nearly complete. This document will help us manage future events that exceed response capabilities and resources normally available for daily

operations. And, it will help bring us into compliance with federally recognized standards of the National Incident Management System.

Harpswell now has access to a citizen emergency alerting tool called Red Alert. This allows officials to quickly disseminate important information electronically to land line telephones, cell phones, text devices and email addresses. Citizens with landline telephones are automatically enrolled. Those who would like to be contacted on other devices, can arrange this by following the CodeRED link at the bottom of the Town's Homepage. There is no cost to citizens for this service.

The Town's Emergency Management Agent had the opportunity to meet with leadership from the Harpswell Community School and the Harpswell Coastal Academy. In spite of many competing demands for time and resources, both institutions are continuing to work towards a strengthened readiness posture.

As always, take care of yourself, your family and your neighbors.

Fire Warden

For 2015, there were 434 burn permits issued by the Town fire wardens and no online permits were issued this year. Open burning permits can be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday and at the Recycling Center on Saturdays. In the summer, starting the first Thursday in May, permits can be obtained at the Recycling Center on Thursday mornings. Permits are not available online due to abuse of the system.

Three (3) burning permits per day per fire department area may be issued for a total of nine (9) permits per day.

Town Fire Warden Frank E. Hilton, 833-0025 (you may call this number after 7:00 AM any day of the week), and Deputy Fire Warden Dick Wyer, 833-5462, will issue permits on Sundays, Thursday mornings, when Town Office is closed, and Thursdays when the Recycling Center is closed as well as on Saturdays when the Recycling Center Manager Chuck Perow is unavailable. Deputy Fire Warden Linda Strickland will issue burning permits from the Town Office when the office is open.

Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit. Thank you for burning responsibly. Please remember that it is illegal to leave an open burn until it is completely extinguished. In the interest of public safety, permits are not issued when the fire danger is determined to be extreme or very high by the Maine Forest Service, and only a limited number of permits are issued when the danger is high. The Forest Service posts current fire hazard conditions daily on its website. Plan your burn when vegetation is damp and wind is calm. Burning is ideal when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, and/or just before precipitation is forecast. Typically November through March offers the safest conditions for open burning.

When you receive a burn permit, you agree to follow a specific set of safe practices. Please review these carefully before burning. Burning must proceed with all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fire and must not create any nuisance conditions to neighbors. Do not burn when wind speed exceeds 10 mph (5 mph when burning grass). If the wind comes up, you must extinguish the fire. Fires must be attended at all times by at least 2 adults with the necessary tools and water to enable a burn to be extinguished safely.

A written permit issued by a Fire Warden must be in the possession of the permit holder, who must be in attendance at the fire. That individual is responsible for the fire and if it escapes he or she may be liable for suppression costs up to \$10,000 as well as any damages caused to other properties.

General Assistance

All municipalities administer a service for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities. An annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services and Harpswell's program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State. As of July 1, 2015, the reimbursement rate changed from 50% to 70%. In 2015, the Town saw an increase in the number of clients seeking housing assistance. Residents who apply for General Assistance are expected to provide documentation of income and repeat applicants are required to verify how they spent their income in the 30 days prior to making application. An applicant who is not in need of emergency assistance may be required to fulfill a workfare requirement prior to receiving the nonemergency assistance conditionally granted to that applicant.

The General Assistance Administrator serves to connect clients to other available resources. Applicants are directed to apply for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and contracted to the Opportunity Alliance Program (PROP). Harpswell residents may call PROP at 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment. If you have questions about any of the above-mentioned programs, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

General Assistance Statistics

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
2015	\$ 7,151	\$1,630	\$3,449	\$ 442	\$ 50	\$ 1,164	\$13,886
2014	\$ 4,660	\$ 794	\$2,775	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,229
2013	\$10,226	\$ 802	\$4,313	\$ 99	\$ 47	\$ 0	\$15,305
2012	\$ 5,206	\$ 1,329	\$4,789	\$ 741	\$202	\$ 0	\$12,267
2011	\$10,591	\$ 393	\$5,670	\$ 271	\$ 92	\$ 0	\$17,213
2010	\$ 8,853	\$ 1,005	\$4,110	\$ 388	\$311	\$ 0	\$14,800
2009	\$13,277	\$ 2,149	\$2,494	\$ 416	\$171	\$ 0	\$18,509
2008	\$ 9,769	\$ 1,492	\$2,528	\$ 602	\$196	\$ 0	\$14,905

Harpswell Heating Assistance

The Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP) was started in March 2008. This is a locally administrated program intended to aid those who do not typically qualify for the General Assistance Program or other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. Eligibility is determined on the basis of household income that is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level.

In 2015, HHAP provided assistance to 44 applicants for an average benefit of \$230 per household. For eligible households, this program may provide up to 200 gallons of fuel oil or propane or the equivalent value in wood during the winter season.

The Town received donations of \$9,759 for the program in 2015 and \$36,546 was carried over from the prior year. Total expenditures in 2015 were \$10,154, leaving a balance at year's end of \$36,151. While the Town had only 4 fewer applicants in 2015 than 2014, expenditures were down over \$6,000 given the decrease in the price of heating fuel.

Thanks to the generosity of fundraising efforts by Cook's Lobster House and its new owners, and contributions from many other donors, the fund has been maintained at a healthy level.

Harbormaster

The main job function of the Harbormaster is to oversee marine activities within the Town. Responsibilities include ensuring the safety of Town property, its inhabitants and the general public in order to guarantee the availability and use of the waterfront which is a valuable public resource.

Moorings

- All moorings in the Town of Harpswell are required by ordinance to have the mooring registration number permanently marked on the mooring ball with the registration sticker kept on the vessel registered to the mooring.
- Moorings fees for existing moorings are due no later than May 1. Late payments applied after May 1 will be double the normal mooring fee.
- Applications for new moorings that are approved by the Harbormaster but not paid for by the end of the year will be considered void and a new application will have to be submitted in order to register the mooring. Moorings installed without payment of the registration fee, will be removed at the owners expense.
- All float moorings are required to be registered with the Town and permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). ACOE applications are available online or from the Harbormaster's office.

The 2015 survey of moorings in Harpswell waters indicates an increase of moorings in the water, due in part to people installing previously registered moorings that were not in last year and new moorings approved in 2015. The total number of moorings recorded by GPS location for 2015 was 1,882, up 138 from 2014.

In 2015, 122 new mooring applications were received and processed, 103 applications were approved and 19 denied because the applicant did not have a point of access. Mooring space is at a premium. There are 35 mooring fields in Town and miles of shoreline scattered with individual moorings. The majority of moorings are accessed from commercial and private properties. Only 8 of these mooring fields provide public access for non-residents and property owners with interior lots. To date there are 75 names on waiting lists for these 8 areas.

Harbor management

The Harbormaster continues to work with the Harbor and Waterfront Committee to determine the next steps for developing a Harbor Management Plan for all harbors. Currently all harbors are at full capacity for new moorings. The general feeling is that this condition will not improve with time and that fresh ideas are needed to manage perceived growth. Each harbor has its own unique characteristics that will have to be taken into consideration as the plan develops. Recently discussed were: eliminating unused moorings by invoking the no boat/no mooring requirement, requesting mooring applications be updated, and building a database of e-mail addresses for communication with mooring owners. The objectives are to identify issues that need to be addressed, to determine what can be done to make each harbor more efficient and to provide mooring spaces for those who are using the waterfront.

Aquaculture

Interest in aquaculture operations on the clam flats and on the water is a fast growing industry in Harpswell. The Harbormaster received 5 aquaculture applications in 2015 and 2 more as of February 2016, involving leases for growing oysters, scallops, mussels, sea weed and sugar kelps. The Marine Resources Committee is working to preserve the clam flats and has discussed plans for leasing flats to grow clams. There are limited purpose, experimental, and standard aquaculture leases. Please contact the Department of Marine Resources or the Harbormaster for more information.

Planning Office

2015 was a year of transition for the Planning Department. Carol Eyerman, who had served as Town Planner for the last seven years, left to take a position with the Town of Topsham. Rather than fill the position of Town Planner, the Board of Selectmen evaluated the planning needs of the Town. Based on this review, the Town contracted with Planning Decisions, Inc. to provide part-time planning services. Planning Decisions has been involved with the Town in the past including work on the economic development plan, facilitation of the discussion of EMT services, and zoning for Mitchell Field. Mark Eyerman, the President of Planning Decisions, is serving as interim Town Planner on a part-time basis.

Since starting to work with the Town in the summer, the Planner has been involved with a number of projects in addition to providing assistance to the Planning Board in its review of applications. He has worked with the Mitchell Field Committee to develop its recommendations for the use and development of the waterfront at Mitchell Field. He has also worked with the Conservation Commission on possible revisions to the Town's Insect Growth Regulator Ordinance and with the Planning Board on a number of updates to the land use ordinances that will be considered at March Town Meeting.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department's main objective is to provide recreational programs for all ages. The department is responsible for recreational programming and overseeing the Trufant Summerton Athletic Field. This is accomplished with one part-time employee and many, many volunteers.

Regular programs: Family Swim (twice yearly), Karate (twice yearly), PeeWee Soccer, XC running (twice yearly), Field Hockey, AYBL Basketball, Basketball FUNDamentals, Ski and Snowboard at Lost Valley, Tennis Academy at Harpswell Community School(HCS), Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Camp Harpswell, Red Cross Summer Swim, Abbot Fletcher Sailing School, Kayaking for Kids with H2Outfitters, Kayaking for Teens and Young Adults, Harpswell Family Outings, Harpswell Hiking Challenge, Tuesday and Friday Bridge, and Yoga at the Town Office.

One time and/or new events and programming: Great Maine Outdoor Weekend- snowshoeing and sledding at HCS, and Trails Day Tuesdays.

The Recreation Committee has been busy keeping the trails beautiful and maintained. You may have noticed the new big blue and white signs around Town at trail heads. The blue and white signifies you are on a Town-owned property or trail and the color scheme carries through on all our signage. Many compliments have been received including, "I feel like I live somewhere special!" While 2015 was a quiet year for the Committee, it has been planning for trails on the east side of Devil's Back. Some preliminary work has been done and the Committee is looking forward to a grand opening by Fall 2016.

A special thank you to all the community members including parents who give their time, talents and positive contributions to Recreation programs and the Town. Volunteers allow the department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which, in turn, create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering there are opportunities for everyone.

More information can be found at www.harpswell.maine.gov > Town Departments > Recreation. Recreation Director Gina Perow can be reached at 207-833-5771 ext. 108 or recreation@town.harpswell.me.us.

A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station

2015 was a year of change at the Recycling Center. The Center said goodbye to manager Fred Cantu who moved on to the Code Enforcement Office. In mid-April, new manager Charles “Chuck” Perow was hired to run operations at the facility. A renewed effort was made to manage the proper disposal of inappropriate and oversized items at the compactors. New banners and the steady presence of an attendant helped guide the public to the correct location and disposal of their unwanted materials.

The start of fall brought a new partnering with the Salvation Army. There are now donation bins installed for clothing and a dedicated bin for small reusable household items. September saw the installation of a new scale and signage at the Transfer Station. All are asked to adhere to the new signage especially the stop signs at the scale. Stopping first, cuts down on wear and tear and promotes, your safety during the slippery winter months. Speed continues to be an issue within the Recycling Center. It is a busy place, particularly in the summer. The speed limit is 15MPH throughout the facility. The safety of everyone from hikers to residents to staff is first and foremost within the Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

There is no disposal allowed when the facility is closed. Snow removers and cell tower contractors need access to the facility. If the gate is partially open it doesn’t mean the facility is open or that the general public is allowed to enter. Every effort is made to be open during the facilities’ posted times. Occasionally the facility may open late or be closed entirely due to mechanical issues or inclement weather. The continued decrease in trash left at the gate is always appreciated. Thanks.

In order to provide a safe, clean and efficient facility, residents are asked to adhere to the established guidelines. Please feel free to ask the staff if you have any questions or concerns. Just a reminder: Recycling is mandatory in Harpswell and hazardous waste is not accepted, including paint and bilge water. We provide hazardous waste collection days in the spring and fall. Participation has been phenomenal. Keep up the good work, Harpswell Everyone benefits from the proper disposal of hazardous wastes.

Tonnage processed at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station

Waste Recieved		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Recycling Center	1598.8	1502.8	1508.2	1461.1	1445.8
	Transfer Station	936.7	921.9	897.8	986.4	1016.2
	Total Tons	2535.5	2424.6	2406	2447.5	2456.8
Recycling Rate						
	Recycling Center	32.5%	31.5%	33.4%	32.7%	33.4%
	Transfer Station	64.1%	66.8%	65.1%	53.6%	55.7%
	Total Tons	44.2%	44.9%	44.8%	41.4%	43.0%



*Back Row: Greg King, Richard Griffin, Manager Chuck Perow
Front Row: John Warner, Theresa Racine*

Tax Collector's Report

There were 5,146 tax bills sent out in 2015 with taxes due on September 15th and December 15th. Over 97% of the Real Estate taxes have been collected for 2015. This office has collected over \$12.7 million in taxes and fees. There were 89 liens filed in June to secure payment of 2014 taxes. As always, it is a pleasure to see you in the office. Thank you for another great year.

You can re-register your automobiles, boats, snowmobiles and ATVs online, and pay your taxes at: www.harpswell.maine.gov, click on online services. We also accept credit card transactions in person.

Automobiles, trailers and duplicate registrations	6,019
Boats, milfoil upgrades and duplicate registrations.....	1,383
Documented boats.....	105
ATVs	135
Snowmobiles.....	162
Vehicles Online.....	288
Passport Applications.....	84

2015 Unpaid Taxes * Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

Adams Jonathan B & Laura N	1,563.12	Bullington Cynthia K	1,337.54
Allen Harry R.	434.93	* Cahill Christian E.	257.09
Allison G Christopher	2,126.59	* Caldwell Christopher & Jaqueline	2,615.18
* Allyn Robert & Daniel & Kimberly Poulton	552.95	* Caron Janelle M & Timothy B.	558.48
Anderson Donald W & Rosa T	1,069.54	* Caron Jeffrey C.	849.26
* Anthoine-Orlandini Maureen M	2,255.76	Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward K Kelley .	1,418.75
* Armenante Mark A & Elizabeth T.	1,470.77	Carriage Cottage Industries LLC.....	1,216.77
Arquette Ronald	678.29	Casual Rainbow LLC.....	3,017.34
Austin David	63.65	Casual Rainbow LLC.....	258.02
* Bailey Island Lobster Company	3,775.82	Catlin Betty Lou	604.97
Baribeau Richard D	650.00	Center Island Terrace LLC	1,455.79
Baribeau Richard Sr.....	422.04	Center Island Terrace LLC	2,295.07
Barker Martha	2,536.64	* Chipman David	296.40
Baughman Ryan & Katherine	320.74	* Chipman David I	766.27
Beebe Christina T & Kenneth	944.06	Chipman Ronald E.	1,506.34
* Bernier Leslie Nan & Charles L	763.15	Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes.....	526.03
* Berube Cheryl A & Paul L	102.34	Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes.....	1,238.64
Bibber Michael, Charles, Mary Winslow	641.47	Coffin Jon Jr, Brian, Marie Pennell,	
* Boissonneault George & Susan.....	73.01	Roger Sirois & Alfred	31.20
* Bonarrigo Margaret	44.90	* Colburn David	2,132.21
* Bourgoin Marie P	976.25	Colburn David	804.96
* Boutan Pierre J & Paul R	2,963.16	Colburn David	610.27
* Boyer William & Leila.	987.79	Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	2,517.84
* Bradbury Lynn	27.93	* Collins Gary P.	269.57
* Brilliant Leon C & Marsha A	654.57	Coombs H Leo Hrs of	1,095.12
* Brillant Marie L	1,244.26	Coombs Janet	2,003.66
Brown Anne	1,455.79	* Copp Rickie & Rhonda Prosser-Copp.....	2,473.54
Brown Anne	1,216.80	Cort Ann S	1,205.12
Brown Brandon.....	129.79	* Coyne James O & John J	2,890.37
* Bulger Brian & Benson Susan.....	491.70	* Crawford John M Jr & Jodi L Johnson.....	1,158.77

2015 Unpaid Taxes (cont.)

* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

*Crosman Jamie c/o Atlantic Regional		
Fed Cr Union	551.62	
Crosman Jamie	521.04	
Crosman Jamie	2,115.98	
Currie Theresa B	1,086.32	
Dammann Luella Pers Rep of		
Frederick Dammann	2,880.38	
*Dana Micheal B & Janet T	1,227.41	
Darling Brandy	1,889.47	
Davis Everett Sr Trustee	343.20	
Davis Everett Sr Trustee	763.15	
Davis Michael	4.37	
*Dehart Gay & Lina K Orr	1,964.35	
*Desjardins John	701.96	
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2,972.11	
Dolley Barry & Sandra	3,611.09	
Drake Clayton H Hrs of	210.29	
Dunning Hrs of Gertrude Piscezek	291.63	
Dunning Hrs of Gertrude Piscezek	209.52	
Elliott Ricky & Wendy	1,003.39	
*Elvin James T	525.09	
*Eubank Katharine & Leigh	1,862.01	
Evans Barry	595.92	
*Fredette Leon V & Maggie	499.20	
*Fredette Leon V & Maggie	41.18	
Galanek Mitchell	1,365.74	
*Gavin Kimberly	1,466.09	
Gerschefski Mary G & Charles E	430.56	
*Gilliam Marcia	768.77	
*Gilliam Marcia	1,138.18	
*Goff Barbara, Anthony, Julie, Timothy & Brenda	901.99	
*Goggin Nancy	683.90	
Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl	1,012.75	
Goodwin Lorna E Hrs of	719.79	
Graham Robert	2,039.86	
*Griffin Linda C	1,504.47	
*Guernelli Gianelia F & Karen M Trustees	1,457.97	
*Halpin Timothy F	827.42	
Hansen John Henry	102.34	
Harris Josephine A	852.80	
*Harvey William L	399.36	
Havas Peter	1,774.78	
*Heim Carrie Kei & Peter K	1,627.70	
Heisey Janice Lee	119.34	
Heisey Janice Lee	392.19	
*Herter Frederic P Jr & Hoa	3,190.51	
*Hildreth Deborah & Charles &		
Hildreth Realty llc	3,203.61	
Hodell Lori	97.97	
*Holton Jessica L Bibber	427.16	
*Howard Cynthia, Roger, S Driscoll,		
Clyde & Wayne	1,251.58	
Hyde Frederick G	942.24	
Jamaport LLC	794.98	
Jamison Benton N & Phyllis R	3,265.39	
*Johnson Howard E Jr & Glenda L	2,769.31	
*Jones Terence J & Deborah A	100.00	
*Kane Hanna V & Janet Lombardo	499.20	
*Kane Hanna V & Janet Lombardo	41.18	
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	644.59	
Kelley Edward & Patricia	904.18	
Kelley Edward & Patricia	543.50	
Kelly David Trustee	1,321.01	
Kennedy Joseph	120.43	
Kenney Bernice	508.56	
*Kimball Robert A & Kathryn C B Pers Rep	931.16	
*King Block Realty LLC	2,465.73	
Koenig Lisa, Linda, Ingram, Daniel		
& Laurie Bowie	1,438.32	
LaPolice George D LaPolice Liv Trust & Dennis	18.79	
Lavigne John	976.56	
Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	1,081.39	
*Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	4,379.23	
*Leeman Christopher Per rep of Carol Leeman	386.88	
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee	524.16	
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee	919.78	
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee	384.38	
Letter Street LLC	285.79	
Little White Church (Community)	702.00	
*Lloyd Joane	85.17	
*Lloyd Joane K	1,130.37	
Long Reach View LLC	1,843.61	
Lumbert Robert	1,032.72	
*LVB Development LLC	926.95	
*Lybarger Adrienne	431.82	
*Lybarger Adrienne	2,526.87	
*MacMullen Howard H Jr & Florence	2,815.84	
*Macomer Steven H & Jane	86.73	
*Macomer Steven H & Jane	86.73	
*Macomer Steven H & Jane	86.73	
*Macomer Steven H & Jane	106.39	
Maney Harold	62.40	
Maney Harold Sr	961.58	
Maney Harold W Jr	30.39	
Marando Michael & Denise	668.55	
*Marean Daniel W	725.09	
Marr Maurita	2,904.10	
*Marshall Gregory J	1,115.09	
*Marstaller Nancy, David & Thomas	233.28	
Mathews Sandra	146.34	
Mattsen Kenneth	844.90	
Mattsen Kenneth	898.56	
McCarthy William E & Mary B	1,518.09	
McCoig Katherine E	607.06	
McKay Stephen Ekman	1,613.04	
McKnight Linda	341.38	
*Mello Rosemarie & David	1,338.48	
Michelson Andrea Trustee	1,472.69	
Miksits Helen E & Herbert B	1,777.43	
*Millar Daniel S & Lorrie K	673.29	
Millar Daniel S & Lorrie K	412.79	
*Millar Robert H & Christine R Trustees	529.46	
Mitchell Lynette	548.84	
*Monroe Paul J & Leigh I Kelly	1,713.50	
Morgan Chester & George		
& Linda Furbish	1,301.04	
Morgan Gegi c/o Furbish Linda	1,282.94	
*Morgan George & James E	38.06	
Morgan Mary	665.81	
*Morin Stacy Personal rep of John Bear	638.04	
Murray Paul J & Sandra A	1,228.03	
Myers Leonard A & Dana	931.66	

2015 Unpaid Taxes (cont.)

* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

* Neils Point LLC	1,099.99	* Skillin Douglas L & Dorothy E.	848.64
* Nesbit James IV Robert & James Alexander & John & Douglas Steele . . .	1,149.79	* Skillin Douglas L & Dorothy E.	1,545.65
* Nesbit Robert & Thomas & James Alexander & John & Douglas Steele . . .	949.88	Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of	755.66
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	915.41	* Snow Susan S	30.29
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	204.36	* Speare Patricia Hrs of	858.93
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	168.48	Sprague Sarah V.	2,106.86
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	172.53	* Stabnick Andrew & Paula S	13.05
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	172.53	* Stancombe Richard E & Kris A.	929.76
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	172.53	Taylor G Donald.	419.95
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	166.92	* The Bank of New York Mellon c/o Kadeth LLC.	1,628.02
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	163.17	* Thompson Shirley	117.42
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	163.17	* Tisdale Greg & Jennifer	1,741.58
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	172.53	* Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer.	2,791.15
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet.	122.30	* Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer.	1,226.16
O'Neil Lynn A	3,474.43	Tobey Carol c/o Lynda Bobb	236.50
* Oak Ledge LLC	3,439.80	* Tondreau Stephen G & Catherine	1,051.13
Ober Diane.	5,753.90	* Toothaker Jacqueline M	506.69
Ormsby Robert ID	503.57	Toothaker Rudolph O Jr & David	496.70
* Orrino Anthony	275.04	* Trautman Wilbur C Jr & Mary	22.33
Palmer Carol A.	604.03	* Trowbridge Hannah Fox.	1,683.86
* Pancione Michael, Thomas & Christopher Upchurch	695.92	Truscott Martha	1,744.08
Paradis Richard C.	906.67	Trusiani Lisa M & Richard L	336.34
Parent Norman C.	1,986.19	* Vanatta Garrett D.	31.20
Parker Kristine Ellen.	1,292.95	* Vanatta Garrett D.	318.19
Patterson J Milton PR of the Est of J M Patterson.	3,903.74	Varney James & Edland & Kenneth Barent Roger Kimberly Sullivan	18.72
Peet Deborah	675.17	* Veneziano Daniele & Zahava	882.96
* Pejepscot Industrial Park Inc c/o Mills Karen & Barry.	2,325.96	* Wadsworth John A & Elizabeth C Howard L III & Kathleen I Carr 1/2.	904.80
* Pejepscot Industrial Park Inc c/o Mills Karen & Barry.	728.52	Wallace James & William C & Bea Cunningham Mary H & Goodnow, Amy	693.21
* Penny Debra J & Robert E Jr.	246.48	* Wallace Mark	109.87
* Penny Robert E Jr.	912.60	* Walsh Laura, Diana Lederman & James	2,774.04
Perkins Carolyn Ann.	980.73	Ward Lewis V.	2,143.44
* Perkins Joan M	75.81	Ward Timothy	1,851.41
* Perry Alfred Jr.	357.55	Ware David c/o David W Duhme	666.20
Petroff Stephen PR Est of HC Petroff	320.74	* Warner Jo M.	195.31
* Pierce Angela L.	537.89	* Warner John M Jr & Prudence	1,408.37
Pilon Douglas J	109.43	* Watson Mark E & Jennifer O	922.27
Piscezek Gertrude L	2,128.46	Weinert Frederick & Stephen	317.62
Pletts Rose.	109.04	* Werler Edward	778.13
Pletts Rose & Mark A & Lindsey A Pletts Becker	1,191.33	* Wessell David & Kimberly	1,068.91
* Pozzy Jennifer Jean	1,017.13	* Wheaton Theresa V	948.17
Purinton Bruce G Jr	1,075.15	* Wilkes Carol S.	1,601.87
Purinton Bruce G Jr	2,726.88	* Wilkes Carol S.	23.61
* Pynchon Timothy M	836.16	Wille Margaret D & Margaret L & Charles K.	1,085.46
* Quimby Wayne A Carole E Trustees	873.91	* Wilson: Coombs: Robinson: Slap Common Land	64.86
* Ramsay Craig	260.21	* Wing Judith c/o Colleen Begley	768.45
* Ramsay Craig & Susan.	524.78	York Adam	1,324.13
Randall William & Heather	4,568.16	TOTAL	\$288,606.58
Rice-Gould Norma J	1,770.91		
Ring Scott.	2,700.05		
Rogers Jon.	333.22		
Rogers Jon.	1,375.92		
Rugar David	344.76		
Savage George W	380.02		
Savage George W	547.25		
Savage George W	944.11		

2015 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

* Bailey Island Lobster Company	111.07
* Comcast of Maine/NH, Inc	8,517.60
Earth Works Landscaping.	134.78
* Pesce Maine Lobster.	8.74
TOTAL	\$8,772.19

2015 Unpaid Taxes (cont.)

* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

2014 TAXES TO LIEN

Allen Harry R.	302.01
Allison G Christopher	2,078.88
Anderson Donald W & Rosa T	1,045.54
Arquette Ronald	548.89
Bibber Michael, Charles, Mary Winslow	627.08
Brown Anne G.	1,423.13
Brown Anne G	1,189.50
Brown Brandon.	126.88
Center Island Terrace LLC	1,423.13
Center Island Terrace LLC	2,243.58
Chipman Stephen & Carolroll M	514.23
Chipman Stephen & Carolroll M	1,210.85
Coffin Jon R Jr & Brian D & L Pennell & Roger C Sirois & Alfred	30.50
* Colburn David	2,084.37
Colburn David	786.90
Colburn David	596.58
* Crosman Jamie A c/o Atlantic Regional Fed Cr Union.	539.24
Crosman Jamie A	509.35
Darling Brandy	1,847.08
Davis Michael	4.27
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2,905.43
Dolley Barry & Sandra	3,530.07
Elliott Ricky & Wendy	192.01
Evans Barry.	582.55
Graham Robert E.	1,938.29
Hodell Lori	95.77
Hyde Frederick	921.10
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C.	630.13
Koenig Lisa & Linda Ingram Daniel T & Laurie A Bowie	1,406.05
* Leahy Thomas J, Patricia M & Joseph M & Dorothy A	4,550.60
Maney Harold Sr	470.00
Marr Maurita	2,838.94
Mattsen Kenneth	805.00
Mattsen Kenneth	779.97
Morgan Linda.	1,254.16
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet.	119.56
Ormsby Robert ID	492.27
Parent Norman c	970.81
Piscezek Gertrude L	1,046.51
Purinton Bruce G Jr	1,051.03
Purinton Bruce G Jr	2,665.70
Ring Scott	2,639.47
Rogers Jon M	325.74
Rogers Jon M	1,345.05
Savage George W	371.49
Savage George W	581.94
Savage George W	952.82
Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of	340.45
Trusiani Lisa M & Richard L PA	328.79
Ward Lewis V	1,775.91
Weinert Frederick & Stephen	188.35
TOTAL	\$57,227.95

2013 TAXES TO LIEN

Bibber Michael, Charles, Mary Winslow	356.90
Brown Brandon.	120.22

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	28.90
Davis Michael	77.45
Hodell Lori	90.75
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet.	113.29
TOTAL	\$787.51

2012 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.	28.80
Davis Michael	77.18
Hodell Lori	90.43
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet.	199.30
TOTAL	\$395.71

2011 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.	29.00
Davis Michael	77.72
Hodell Lori	91.06
TOTAL	\$197.78

2010 TAXES TO LIEN

Davis Michael	80.40
Hodell Lori	96.60
TOTAL	\$177.00

2009 TAXES TO LIEN

Davis Michael	82.95
Hodell Lori	81.83
TOTAL	\$164.78

2008 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	81.83
TOTAL	\$81.83

2007 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	77.09
TOTAL	\$77.09

2006 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	152.92
TOTAL	\$152.92

2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	146.90
TOTAL	\$146.90

2015 ABATEMENTS

Elavon Inc.	1.25
Town of Harpswell.	574.08
Arthur & Elaine Baur	1,377.17
TOTAL	\$1,952.50

2015 SUPPLEMENTALS

Claude & Coleen Rioux	99.84
Larry & Mary Reese	62.40
TOTAL	\$162.24

Town Clerk

Dogs: 1,032 dogs and 2 Kennels licensed

All dogs six months and older must be licensed. You must provide a current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. All licenses expire December 31. Our office holds a rabies clinic at the Town Office in the beginning of January for any dog or cat that needs to be vaccinated. Those who attend need to bring a copy of the animal's last rabies certificate if it is not on file at the Town Clerk's Office. You can also register your dogs online through a link at harpswell.maine.gov.

Hunting/Fishing Licenses: 386 Licenses

When purchasing a hunting or archery license for the first time from our office, you must provide proof of having a previous license or proof of having taken a Safety Course. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online through a link at harpswell.maine.gov.

Registered Businesses: 7

Elections and Town Meetings: Votes Cast

March 14, 2015 Annual Town Meeting	269	6.6%
May 21, 2015 M.S.A.D. 75 District Budget Mtg.	8	.002%
June 9, 2015 M.S.A.D. 75 District Budget Validation Referendum	181	.05%
November 3, 2015 State Referendum Election	1,071	27%

Shellfish Licenses:

Commercial Resident	53
Commercial Non-Resident	6
Commercial Senior Resident	8
Commercial Senior Non-Resident	1
Commercial Student	5
Recreational Resident	140
Recreational Non-Resident	14
Senior Recreational Resident	14
Senior Recreational Non-Resident	1

Moorings: 2,387

Residents & Taxpayers	2,193
Non-Residents	103
Rentals	78
State of Maine	11
Town of Harpswell	2

Vital Records Requests: 39

Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death are \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy purchased at the same time.

Notary Services: 268

Vital Statistics

Births: 22

Marriages: 22

We said farewell to the following people this past year:

Kenneth G. Brigham Sr.	1/1	82	Edward Sparks	7/8	59
Barbara W. Keyes	1/13	91	Lorantine Koppenhaver	8/2	80
Barbara F. Rosenberg	1/16	86	Rita I. Douglas	8/5	75
Patricia Speare	1/17	91	Lorna E. Goodwin	8/8	89
Edith Belschner	1/28	98	Philip C. Hamilton	8/10	77
Rolando Amador	2/5	22	Alfred L. Rollins	8/16	62
Frank W. Newman	2/9	75	Barbara R. Meunier	8/28	56
June P. Warren	2/15	67	Rodney Hoverson	9/1	54
Ingrid E. Hoffmann	2/18	81	Charles L. McIlvaine III	9/1	71
Rosalie B. Treworgy	2/24	88	Barbara A. Taylor	9/7	82
Anita E. Morse	3/5	74	Dain H. Allen	9/7	79
Windy B. Skillin	3/9	51	Sumner K. Wiley Jr.	9/17	85
David T. Wilkinson	3/25	70	Janet M. McClintock	9/28	58
Pauline B. Toothaker	3/30	88	Laura W.R. Appell	10/2	83
Gwynne L. Vincent	3/31	64	James P. Granger	10/9	85
Elsie E. Brown	4/11	94	Eleanor J. McQuaid	10/22	81
Justin McIntire	4/27	87	Eleftheria V. Papacosma	10/25	76
John E. Donahue	4/28	89	Gerald J. Dorion	11/5	85
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Road Commissioner

Ron Ponziani is in his fourth year serving as Road Commissioner. He appreciates the public support he has received as well as the numerous phone calls that help him better address issues. He views calls not simply as complaints but as tools for helping him address matters brought to his attention.

There are new capital road projects in the works to be done in 2016. They include Stover's Point Road and Lookout Point Road. The worst sections that have been repaired multiple times will be fixed along with ditching and culvert replacements. Capital road projects that began in 2014, and completed in 2015, were Washington Avenue, Steamboat Wharf Road, Abner Point Road and Bayview Road.

There were many maintenance projects done in 2015. Most projects exceeding \$4,000 were awarded through the bidding process. Other projects were performed by a local maintenance contractor, and included mowing, road patching, brush removal, ditching, and erecting signage.

Where speeding has been a problem the Road Commissioner and Selectmen have been working on possible solutions including requesting more patrols by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. The Road Commissioner encourages anyone who has a road-related issue to contact him at 751-0897.

Treasurer's Report

At the end of 2015, the Town's cash balances totaled \$4,642,455, which included approximately \$1,327,920 dedicated to specific purposes, including, among other things, the purchase of emergency vehicles (\$506,001) and capital road projects (\$316,664).

Long-term borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2015 totaled \$2,588,334, excluding interest. During 2015, \$473,334 in principal was repaid as scheduled. All borrowings were or will be used to fund either the Town's long-term road rehabilitation plan or its emergency services vehicle program, excepting one issue which included funds for the restoration of the Old Town Meetinghouse.

The Town's programs for purchasing fire and rescue vehicles and for road rehabilitation are ongoing and multi-year.

Since 2007, the Town has appropriated \$950,000 and borrowed \$1.1 million to fund the vehicle needs of the three volunteer fire & rescue entities which serve the Town. Eight vehicles have been purchased to date at a cost of \$1,595,214. The lease arrangements require the departments to insure and maintain the vehicles, however, there are no lease payments required.

Since 2004, the Town has invested nearly \$5 million in major roadworks relating to 13.65 miles of the 28 miles of roads maintained by the Town. Of this amount, \$3.75 million was borrowed and the remainder raised from the property taxpayers.

During 2015, capital outlays totaled approximately \$530,000, including an ambulance leased to Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue (\$209,000), completion or continuation of certain capital road projects (\$182,000), improvements to Town lands (\$38,000), a new scale at the Transfer Station (\$45,000), a new roof on the Town office building (\$27,000) and a new network server (\$25,000).

In April of 2015, the Town completed the sale of the former West Harpswell School property (land and building) to Harpswell Coastal Academy. The total consideration for this transaction was \$150,000, with \$40,000 of that amount credited from prior lease payments, \$10,000 paid at closing and \$100,000 to be paid in equal annual installments of \$10,000 over ten years.

During 2015, Town staff developed a 5-year capital plan for review by the Board of Selectmen. The underlying driver of the plan is a decision as to the disposition of the pier at Mitchell Field. Previously, the Town believed that taking no action with respect to the pier might be an option, but after the collapse of the pumphouse in 2015 and the State-imposed requirement to remove the debris, there is concern as to what might be required of the Town if a further collapse of some magnitude occurred. There has also been some support for rehabilitating the pier, at least in part, and this too is an expensive option. The Town has been provided with cost estimates that range from \$2 to \$4 million.

In the event of a major pier collapse or a decision to rehabilitate it, the cost will likely be funded with a borrowing which could add significantly to the Town's debt service. In an effort to manage this impact, the capital plan proposes no new bond issues for other capital needs until the pier issue is settled. Consequently, items which previously have been funded with long-term debt, i.e. roads and emergency services vehicles, will be paid for with appropriations supported by property taxes. This results in smaller road projects and a slightly extended useful life for fire trucks and ambulances.

Additionally, there are other capital needs that may need funding in the next five years. The recycling center building may need to be replaced and the Town expects to engage a structural engineer in 2016 to make recommendations as to when this may occur and whether there are short-term fixes the Town can make to extend the life of the building. Further, there is an expectation that expansion of the centralized emergency services building on Mountain Road may be required, but not necessarily in the next five years. Other potential capital costs at Mitchell Field include certain infrastructure costs and the possible construction of a boat launch.

Postponing new bond issues until pier disposition is better known is one way the Town is attempting to manage the impact of the pier on the tax rate. A second option is to establish a more flexible fund balance policy under which more fund balance may be used to reduce the amount of funds required to be raised from taxpayers. The fund balance policy was amended in 2015 to establish a target balance of two months of general fund expenditures, excluding capital costs. The proposed 2016 municipal budget requests an amount not to exceed \$506,000 to be used to reduce the amount of funds raised from taxpayers. This amount should not significantly impact the Town's ability to operate prior to obtaining short-term financing.

The collection rate of real estate taxes continues to exceed 97% in the year of assessment. As property taxes are due in September and December, the Town must borrow on a short-term basis to fund its budgeted expenditures. \$2.8 million was borrowed and repaid in 2015 with an interest cost of \$8,826.

The Town funds nearly 50% of its municipal budget with revenues from sources other than property taxes, e.g. excise tax, mooring fees, permitting fees, fund balance. Excise tax receipts increased in 2015 to \$1,160,000 from \$1,053,000 in 2014 after a number of years of having been essentially flat.

2015 budgeted amounts that were not spent and therefore lapsed to the general fund included the areas of planning (\$30,497), employee benefits (\$29,569), marine consultant and conservation measures (\$24,297), snow removal (\$22,302), the recycling center (\$16,945), and road maintenance (\$15,324). The capital reserves for the generator (\$8,875) and Mitchell Field cell repair (\$8,800) were not carried forward. Additionally, with the sale of the West Harpswell School, the capital reserve (\$15,000) and gym floor reserve (\$9,400) lapsed. These amounts are available to reduce the 2016 tax commitment.

The 2015 tax rate increased 2.2% from 2014 as the Town's assessments by MSAD 75 and Cumberland County increased and increases may continue. The administration of the Town will work, as always, to keep costs down and manage non-property tax revenues, without reducing the quality of services provided in order to avoid spikes in the tax rate.

Debt Service on Long-Term Debt
2016 - 2024 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance 1/1/2016	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Amortization:												
Existing Debt												
2004 G.O. Bond	4.18	\$700.0	\$58.3	\$58.3								
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$150.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0						
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$260.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0					
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$300.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0				
2011 G. O. Bond	2.12 -5.62	\$800.0	\$480.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0			
2013 G. O. Bond	.60-2.38	\$1,000.0	\$800.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	
2014 G. O. Bond	2.3	\$600.0	\$540.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0
Total			\$2,588.3	\$473.3	\$415.0	\$415.0	\$365.0	\$300.0	\$240.0	\$160.0	\$160.0	\$60.0
Interest:				\$56.4	\$46.9	\$38.8	\$28.1	\$20.3	\$13.9	\$8.8	\$5.2	\$1.4
Total Debt Service				\$529.7	\$461.9	\$453.8	\$393.1	\$320.3	\$253.9	\$168.8	\$165.2	\$61.4

Notes:

- 2004 Issue: Capital Road project (7 roads), Old Town Meetinghouse restoration.
- 2008 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles
- 2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation
- 2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles
- 2011 Issue: Road projects, including Lowell'sCove, Lane & Little Island Roads; Bethel Point culvert replacement
- 2013 Issue: Road projects, including Shore Acres, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf & Long Point roads.
- 2014 Issue: Road projects, including Bayview, Abner Point and Steamboat Wharf roads and Washington Avenue.

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer



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January 26, 2016

Dear Citizens of Harpswell,

As we begin a new year, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office continues to be committed to providing you with the most efficient, professional, and community-oriented law enforcement services possible.

In June, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office went through a rigorous review of our policies and proofs of compliance by two auditors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). As a result, in November 2015, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office was officially recognized as a CALEA accredited agency. This was a rigorous task and required that we comply with 189 national standards and meet the requirements of proven contemporary policing practices. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is one of four law enforcement agencies in the State of Maine to have obtained the gold standard of accreditation. We are one of the approximately 4% of all law enforcement agencies in the country to achieve such success.

In August, Deputy Clayton Stromski retired from the Sheriff's Office after serving the citizens of Harpswell for the last 31+ years. Deputy George Lee Bradbury moved from Marine Patrol to Deputy Clayton Stromski's vacated shift and Deputy Samuel Cofone transferred to Deputy Bradbury's vacated Marine Patrol position. Both men are seasoned professionals familiar with the unique needs of the Harpswell community.

During the last year, the Harpswell Contract Deputies saw a 3% increase in the number of calls for service that they responded to. Some of the calls that attributed to the increase were responding to alarm activations and animal problems. Also, the Harpswell Deputies became more aggressive in their traffic enforcement initiatives as they conducted 97 more traffic details than they did in 2014.

It is an honor serving as your Sheriff. Thank you for your support. Please remember that my door is always open. I value customer service, and I value your suggestions and input.

Best Regards,

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff



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Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Law Total Incident Report by Nature of Incident

<i>Nature of Incident</i>	<i>Total Incidents</i>		<i>Nature of Incident</i>	<i>Total Incidents</i>
911 Cell Hang-up	99		Information Report	29
911 Hang up	26		Inspection Permit	12
911 Misdial	25		Intoxicated Person	1
Abandoned Vehicle	2		Juvenile Problem	16
Accident, Fatal	1		Litter/Pollution/Public Health	10
Accident w/ Property Damage	70		Lost Property	8
Accident w/ Personal Injury	18		Marine Assit to DRM	16
Agency Assistance	175		Marine Conservation	82
Alarm	219		Marine Digger Inspection	94
Animal Euthanize	10		Marine Resource Boat Patrol	26
Animal Problem	131		Marine Resource Inspection	1
Assault-Simple	8		Mental Health Event	6
Attempt to Locate	89		Official Misconduct	6
Boating Accident	1		Missing / Lost Person	5
Burglary	16		Noise Complaint	10
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	27		Operating Under Influence	4
Canine Callout	3		Overdose	1
Concealed Firearms Request	35		Parking Problem	19
Child Abuse or Neglect	3		Pedestrian Check	5
Citizen Assist	187		Property Check	827
Citizen Dispute	18		Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Civil Dispute	1		Recovered Stolen Property	1
Community Policing	4		Relay/Transfer	1
Court Service	23		Search Warrant	1
Criminal Mischief	23		Sex Offender Registry Verification	33
Criminal Trespass	14		Sex Offense	8
Crusier Accident	2		Sex Offender Registry	1
Custodial Interference	5		Speed Complaint	27
Death Unattended/Attended	6		Suicide	6
Debris in Road	7		Suspicious Person/Circumstance	75
Delivery Message	1		Theft	28
Disabled Vehicle	33		Threatening	5
Disturbance	41		Traffic Detail	106
Domestic Violence	4		Traffic Hazard	29
Domestic Assault	2		Traffic Violation	237
Domestic Verbal Argument	13		Truancy	1
Controlled Substance Problem	6		Underage Drinking	3
Evidence Technican Work Order	8		Unsecure Premise	3
Equipment Problem	1		Unwanted Phone Calls	2
Escort	15		Vehicle Off Road - No Damage	24
FI ATV/Snowmobile Accident	1		VIN Number Inspection	2
Fight in Process	1		VIPS detail/Event	3
Fireworks	15		VIPS Sign Trailer	2
Fish and Game Violation	7		Walk-in Paperwork	2
Found Property	10		Wanted Person	5
Fraud	39		Weapons Offense	20
Harassment	17		Welfare Check	41
Illegal Parking	2		Total Incidents	3,307

Harpswell Report

Sheriff's Statistics

<i>Month</i>	<i>Calls for Service</i>	<i>Citations</i>	<i>Written Traffic Warnings</i>	<i>Traffic Stops</i>	<i>Reportable Accidents</i>	<i>Non-Reportable Accidents</i>
January	224	5	7	14	9	2
February	0	10	14	3	1	160
March	214	6	10	16	3	2
April	304	8	14	32	8	1
May	327	6	14	30	5	0
June	254	5	10	20	5	3
July	325	6	6	16	5	4
August	353	3	12	19	4	1
September	321	5	6	16	4	6
October	295	13	4	35	5	2
November	273	0	3	15	7	2
December	257	5	5	10	8	1

Marine Patrol Statistics

Total Coves Checked	3501
Total Landings Checked	735
Total Marine Resource Inspections	9
Total Marine Digger Inspections	110
Total Bushels Checked	574.9
Total Assists to DMR	12
Total Fish and Game Violations	5
Total Property Checks.	84
Total Assists to Patrol	168
Total Boat Hours.	148

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Harpswell and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Constituent office at 207-780-3575, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Dear Friends of Harpswell:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My actions on the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Community Broadband Act will support local efforts to increase broadband access.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions to streamline the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

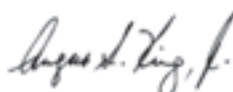
Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on my work in Maine and Washington. It continues to be a great honor to serve the people of Maine's 1st District in Congress.

Over the last year, I have introduced a number of bills to address the problems my constituents face. One of the most concerning issues is hunger. Nearly 50 million Americans don't have reliable access to enough food. At the same time, 40 percent of the food produced in the country goes to waste. That is why I introduced the Food Recovery Act, comprehensive legislation to cut food waste while providing more food to the people who need it.

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act takes on another serious concern for Maine families—the high cost of prescription drugs. Just over the border in Canada, the same medications are available at half the price on average. My bill would lift a ban that prohibits consumers from importing those medications. Other bills I introduced touch on a number of issues, from helping veterans secure benefits to protecting our coastal economies. For more information on all my legislation, go to www.pingree.house.gov.

My seat on the House Appropriations Committee—which has a powerful role in setting federal funding levels—has also put me in a position to influence policies and programs that affect Mainers. A couple of examples from the last year include pushing to make Lyme disease a higher federal priority and working to protect funding for a program that has extended pre-school to hundreds of Maine children.

But not all my work takes place at the Capitol. Here at home, I had the chance to visit many communities to help celebrate their victories and discuss their concerns—critical feedback to take to Washington. And over the last year, my hard-working staff has helped hundreds of constituents on their issues with federal programs and agencies.

I hope the last year has been a good one for you and your family. As we head into another year of challenges and opportunities for our nation, I promise that your interests will continue to guide my work. Please contact my office if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Best wishes,

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Dear Citizens of Harpswell:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor

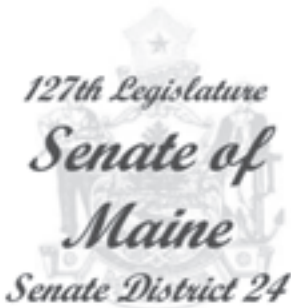


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Dear Friends of Harpswell,

It is with mixed emotion that I submit my final town report letter as your state senator. I still hold a strong passion for public service; however, term limits prevent me from running. For 16 years I have had the opportunity to serve our region at the State House, with 8 years in the House of Representatives and 8 years in the Senate. It has been an honor.

My journey as state senator has been a one-of-a-kind experience. Throughout the good and the bad, I am proud of our many accomplishments for a better Maine. We have tackled many significant challenges to our region, in particular, the closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station. I am proud of our efforts from Day 1 to begin rebuilding and revitalizing the base and our local economy. I am confident in the continued outlook of a stronger future for the people of our beautiful state.

I will miss working with the people of Harpswell. I am proud of our work together over the years, especially around protecting our clamming industry. While our work is not done, I will continue to do my best for this community. I appreciate the effort by those who met with me during my monthly office hours. Please know your concerns and conversations were very important as I did my job representing you!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. In this final year, I will continue to do as I have always done in the past, and that is work with all sides to do what is best for you, our district, and our state.

I look forward to seeing you around!

Sincerely,

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Dear Harpswell Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. As I enter my second year in office, I want you to know that I am working to retain your trust through my work at the State House and in the community.

This year the Legislature's agenda will be limited mostly to emergency legislation and bills carried over from 2015. We are scheduled to adjourn by the end of April.

Among the other issues we intend to work on are finding ways to increase hiring and wages, support senior citizens, promote veterans issues, keep down energy and heating costs and improve schools.

We have already begun to respond to Maine's drug addiction crisis with a bill boosting enforcement, treatment and prevention. The House and Senate passed it unanimously, and the governor signed it.

In terms of my own legislation, I submitted a bill to make sure consolidating certain college loans doesn't result in a tax penalty. As I write this, the fate of the bill is still undecided, but it remains important to make sure people can afford to get the education and training they need to get a good job.

I will also be continuing my work on both the Judiciary and the Marine Resources Committees. It's important to make sure that everyone who depends on the ocean – whether we're talking about the open sea, our harbors or our clam flats – can continue to earn a living.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I stand ready to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Joyce "Jay" McCreight
State Representative

District 51 Brunswick (part), Harpswell and West Bath

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Budget Advisory Committee

This five-member Committee representing all parts of Harpswell met weekly during October, November, and part of December. With the help of information supplied by the Town Office staff, members reviewed details of the proposed 2016 budget. The Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen a 2016 municipal budget consisting of \$4,919,047 which is below the LD1 limit of \$4,959,937 by \$40,890.

The recommended 2016 budget shows a net increase of \$378,064 (about 8.3%) over the 2015 budget. New items and items of significant change are listed below.

The recommended appropriations include an across-the-board 1.5% salary/wage increase for the Town employees. Additionally, the salaries of some Town employees continue to be adjusted as a result of the 2014 salary and wage study.

New Items in the 2016 Budget:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT)	\$75,000	Contribution to HHLT for purchase of 68 acres at Otter Brook.
Capital Reserves: Trufant-Summerton Field	\$15,000	To be combined with \$20,000 held in reserve for a \$35,000 project which includes needed maintenance and improvements to fencing, bleachers, landscaping, dugouts, and concession stand.

Items with Significant Increases:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Capital Reserves: Roads	\$0	\$275,000	+275,000		Work for Lookout Point, Stover's Cove, and Stover's Point roads.
Capital Reserves: Mitchell Field Pump House removal	\$0	\$150,000	+\$150,000		To complete the removal of the pump house which has collapsed
Capital Reserves: Mitchell Field Planning	\$0	\$30,000	+\$30,000		Planning for waterfront area, pier, and possible boat launch.
Mitchell Field Water Tower removal	\$0	\$22,000	+\$22,000		Self-explanatory
Marine Resources Specialist	\$12,000	\$15,000	+\$3,000	+25%	Continued consulting support for shellfish conservation and its projects/supplies
Recreation Department	\$25,554	\$30,981	+\$5,427	+21%	Proposed increase in Director's hours from 25 to 30 per week. (Also includes 1.5% wage increase.)
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$15,000	+\$2,000	+15%	Increase in support of library operations and programs.
Cundy's Harbor Library	\$15,300	\$17,300	+\$2,000	+13%	Continued support for library operation
Code Enforcement	\$118,172	\$131,652	\$13,480	+11%	Increased hours and qualifications for the Alternate Codes Officer, and increased hours for the codes administrative assistant.

Items with Significant Decreases:

<u>Item</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Support	\$110,000	\$0	-\$110,000	-100%	One-time contribution in 2015.
Emergency Service Vehicle Reserve	\$75,000	\$0	-\$75,000	-100%	Additional funds not considered necessary, as the balance in the account is approx. \$500,000 and a new vehicle cost is approx. \$300,000.
Town Planner	\$78,318	\$72,132	-\$6,186	-8%	Reflects the change from a full-time planner to a part-time consultant, and reduced hours for the Planning administrative assistant.
Road Maintenance	\$70,000	\$65,000	-\$5,000	-7%	Approximately \$51,000 spent in 2015, so the Road Commissioner and the Budget Advisory Committee agreed that the proposed decrease is feasible.
Cemeteries	\$11,000	\$6,000	-\$5,000	-46%	Major maintenance completed in 2015 at two town-owned cemeteries. The 2016 number represents costs of the town's obligation for maintenance of veterans' graves.
Ash Point/Harpswell Neck Library	\$4,525	\$0	-\$4,525	-100%	2015 funds not used and no funds requested for 2016.

The Committee recommended that each of the three fire departments receive \$60,000 in funding for a combination of operations and non-vehicle capital needs. The Town continues its responsibility for funding the vehicle needs of all three departments.

The Committee recommended continuing the current relationship with the Curtis Memorial Library in 2016, resulting in a 2% (\$2,654) increase per the Town's *Memorandum of Understanding* with Curtis. Contributions for social service agencies that benefit Town residents are also recommended by requesting a total of \$18,230 (2% increase) for these groups.

Finally, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the entire staff in submitting 2016 funding requests which have kept spending increases minimal. The administrative staff, as always, provided excellent assistance to the Committee in explaining budget items, answering requests for additional information and keeping the budget review process on track.

Board of Appeals

Harpswell's Board of Appeals (BOA), along with the Planning Board, differs from many committees in a few fundamental ways:

- Boards are required by statute, committees are not.
- The process followed by the BOA is laid out in statutes or our local ordinances.
- The work done has legal standing.
- Board of Appeals decisions are not subject to review by the Board of Selectmen but can be appealed to Superior Court.

The BOA is comprised of five full voting members and two associate members who are ready to step in when a member is absent. Anyone may appeal a decision of the Codes Office and, through a formal procedure, the BOA will review the facts at a public meeting using the applicable statutes and ordinances, allow anyone to speak on the record, and reach a decision by majority vote.

The BOA meets monthly or as needed, usually the 4th Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Town Office and open to the public.

The Harpswell Board of Appeals met eight times in 2015 and heard nine applications with a broad range of results. Of the nine, one was approved with conditions, one was withdrawn by the applicant, five were denied, one was referred to the Board of Selectmen for consideration of a consent decree, and one was continued to 2016 at the request of the applicant.

Planning Board

During 2015 the Planning Board held 8 meetings and heard 13 applications. On-site visits were made to 12 properties. Of the 13 applications, twelve were approved and one was approved with conditions. Two of the applications were for new residential subdivisions both of which were approved. The Board considered nine applications where the ordinances give the Board the opportunity to take jurisdiction for the review, but the Board declined to take jurisdiction and left the applications to the Code Enforcement Office for review.

The Board also worked on developing amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. These amendments deal with the replacement or reconstruction of nonconforming structures and allowing temporary accessory living accommodations while a home is being built. The Board also worked with the Conservation Commission on revisions to the Insect Growth Regulator and Pesticide Control Ordinance. These amendments will be considered for inclusion in the warrant for the 2016 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board is composed of 5 members and 2 associate members. Residents interested in serving on the Board are encouraged to apply at the Town Office.



Bandstand Committee

The third Bandstand year was full of action with 15 concerts, new purchases and increased attendance averaging 170 people per concert. Only one concert had to be held indoors due to inclement weather. The Committee is happy to note that many musical groups are contacting it asking to be placed in the series, indicating added interest in the venue. Thanks to the talented Gina Perow, Harpswell Recreation Director, the Committee has a new permanent logo, seen above.

The Committee purchased and installed a “pure sine wave” power inverter which was needed, decorative bunting that is used for special concerts and holidays, and a secure donation box which is present at each concert for on-the-spot cash donations. The overhead lights were improved on the bandstand, the ceiling was sealed against mildew and a warning strip was painted on the edge of the steps for safety. There was a food vending truck available for refreshments at a few of the concerts. This service may be expanded to more concerts in 2016.

The Committee supported an HCA student musical event at the Bandstand June 5th under the direction of Phelan Gallagher.

Finally, but most importantly, the Bandstand Committee wishes to thank all of the community individuals and businesses who have generously supported the Bandstand financially and with their attendance at concerts. We are pleased to serve the community in this unique way.

Conservation Commission

The Commission is moving forward with an ordinance to reduce broad applications of pesticides. It restricts the use of neonicotinoids, a systemic neurotoxin insecticide sprayed on plants to control targeted insects. Neonicotinoids can be toxic to aquatic invertebrates such as lobsters and crabs, in addition to bees and other pollinators. Citizens are asked to look for one of the following ingredients on pesticide labels: Acetamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Imidacloprid, or Thiamethoxam. Products that contain these ingredients should be avoided. The Town’s website’s *Environment* sidebar, sub topic *Pesticides*, has a list of products containing these ingredients as well as a list of safer alternatives. The existing restriction limiting fertilizer usage to water insoluble nitrogen fertilizer, compost or composted manure in the shoreland zone is being included in the ordinance to bring it to gardeners’ attention.

Townpeople participated in an interactive workshop to see how Harpswell and their neighborhood would be affected with a one-, three- and six-foot rise in sea level and storm surge. An informal poll of the attendees indicated road infrastructure, changes to coastal marshes and the marine economy were their major concerns. Results of the study are presented in the “Coastal Flooding Risk Assessment” posted on the Town’s website. It points out the Town’s vulnerabilities on low lying roads and the areas most prone to marsh migration. It indicates further study on impacts to road infrastructure and coastal habitats is needed since these areas are most at risk in Harpswell. The Commission is reviewing the report to determine the points in the action plan where they may begin to move forward with information and education and what areas will need further study.

Realizing many of our new residents have never lived in a self-contained island community, the Commission is sending a welcome letter to new homeowners with a copy of [A Resident’s Conservation Guide to Casco Bay](#). The 28-page guide advises residents on how to protect the health of Casco Bay when making decisions on everything from landscaping to pest control to boat discharges and dock materials. The guide is also available at the Town Office for not-so-new townspeople.

Working with the Planning Department, the Commission had the opportunity to speak with developers of

two new subdivisions, acquainting them with the Town's Open Space Plan and how their subdivisions were in Harpswell's high natural resource Focus Areas. Learning about this early in the process allowed the developers to include value added features to the benefit of the Focus Areas' resources. One increased common open natural areas in the subdivision, and the other added language to the covenants regarding best management practices for handling stormwater runoff, using rain barrels and rain gardens. A copy of the "Residents Guide" will be provided to new owners.

Established by Town Meeting in 1970, the Conservation Commission has the responsibility of conducting research and giving advice that will help better utilize, protect, and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas. The Commission continues to focus on efforts to inform townspeople of the negative impact polluted rainwater and snowmelt can have on marine health.

Emergency Vehicles Committee

The Committee continues to follow a schedule of replacement that was the recommendation of the Fire & Rescue Study. The replacement schedule was modified to extend the life of apparatus as appropriate, this in an effort to maximize the service from the initial investment without compromising reliability.

The Committee worked with Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department and the Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department on the replacement of two Pumpers. The potential of purchasing similar trucks from the same manufacture was explored. After intensive review it was decided that this would not produce the desired results and was dismissed.

The Cundy's Harbor VFD is continuing to pursue the design of a pumper that will meet the needs of the Department and the Town. In addition a new approach to the bid process is being examined for efficiency and cost savings.

The OBI FD is looking to build a pumper that will more effectively meet the special needs of Bailey Island and still be an asset Town-wide. This may involve the sale of an existing truck to reduce costs and to best meet the demands of the Department and the Town.

The Committee continues to evaluate the selection of vehicles with a goal of choosing vehicles which best meet the needs of the community and the individual fire departments and provide the best overall value to the taxpayers.

Energy Committee

During 2015 the Energy Committee has been involved with a number of activities related to energy issues and the needs of the Town.

The Committee recommended procedures for the financing of weatherization improvements through the Harpswell Heating Assistance program. In addition, the Committee has submitted, to the Board of Selectmen, a letter agreement for partnership with Habitat for Humanity which will enable implementation of a weatherization program. The program will allow 5 to 7 qualifying homeowners per year the opportunity to lower their heating bills with local volunteer assistance in the installation and utilization of materials and techniques that will reduce fuel consumption.

The Committee has been reviewing alternative energy projects with three locations for potential community solar installations. Mitchell Field has the most potential for community solar with the Transfer Station and the Landfill also possible sites that could be used with a power purchase agreement to greatly reduce the peak demand loads of the Town Office and trash compactors.

The Committee has completed the Town Office audit, replaced the lights in the elevator with motion sensing LED bulbs and finalized street lighting standards.

This coming year the Committee will submit recommendations regarding efficiency standards for future replacement of equipment. It will also be requesting the authorization of the Select Board to ask that Central Maine Power study the feasibility of cross-peninsula power reliability connection that could provide back-up during storm outages.

The Committee is seeking citizens who are interested in assisting with its ongoing projects.

Fire & Rescue Committee

This year the Fire & Rescue Committee wants to recognize Chief Walter Johnson of the Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department who had to step down for health reasons; and Acting Chief William Beazley who temporarily stepped back into the job after a 3-year hiatus. Also newly serving as Fire Chief for Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue this year is Chief Frank True.

Our primary focus this year has been training and documentation required after an April inspection by the Bureau of Labor Standards, Maine Department of Labor. Our first responders completed many hundreds of hours of training, likely a record. In addition to all of the regular equipment maintenance and responding to emergencies, we cannot speak highly enough of the effort and dedication of these folks who worked so hard to complete all mandated training and documentation on time.

The Town Selectmen and staff meet quarterly with the Committee. We continue to need residents to volunteer to train as Emergency Medical Technicians, drivers, or firefighters. If you're interested please check us out at www.harpswellfireandrescue.org or ask any volunteer.

Call data for 2015 indicates a continuing increase in emergency medical calls as our population ages. A slight decrease in fire calls may be explained by the relatively few severe weather events we experienced in 2015. The following are the fire departments' emergency response totals for 2015:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundys Harbor	64	142
Harpswell Neck	78	160
Orr's/Bailey Islands	63	170
Totals	205	472

Harbor and Waterfront Committee

The Harbor and Waterfront Committee discussed many issues during 2015. One issue concerned how to keep mooring applications up-to-date with current addresses, telephone numbers (both landline and mobile) as well as boats. The latter is particularly important as boats become larger and need more mooring space. There is also a need to have the boats and mooring balls properly identified. The preferred method of mooring identification is to have the registration clearly marked in large numbers on the mooring float and to have the annual mooring tag issued by the Town displayed on the boat.

There was concern that many floats in Harpswell lacked the registration required by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Committee reviewed a copy of the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) mooring application form and found it to be relatively simple and straightforward; the form (4345) is only three pages long and comes with a two-page instructional guide on how to interpret each question. It seemed that this form should not unduly burden any mooring applicant.

The Committee discussed the size limit for dinghies at the Town dock. They recommended, to the Selectmen, that the limit be increased to 12 feet. The problem of people using floats as permanent mooring locations for their boats was discussed extensively. While the Committee agreed that this was not a safe or fair practice, no action was taken. Moorings at the Goslings are largely uncontrolled and lack oversight. The Harbormaster plans on approaching the Maine Coast Heritage Trust to see if they will take on the responsibility of supervising transient moorings.

Marine Resources Committee

The Marine Resources Committee continues to search for ways to slow or reverse the dramatic decline in the Town's softshell clam populations. Harvesters have noted encouraging signs of increased natural reproduction on the Town's clam flats. In the past year, there have been more abundant natural sets of seed clams than in the previous two years, but the number of mature, harvestable clams remains extremely low. According to Committee Chairman David Wilson, this past year has been the worst yet.

Predators continue to pose a serious threat to the ability of clams to survive long enough to reach harvestable size. While green crabs seem to be in decline of late, milky ribbon worms are increasing. In response to these challenges, the Committee is evaluating a number of initiatives, including clam farming in designated coves.

One option may be to work with the Manomet Foundation, which has secured a grant that would allow multiple Maine towns to band together to explore aquaculture methods that might enhance clam survival rates. Or the Town may follow the lead of Brunswick, which is seeking permission from the State to pursue its own municipal shellfish farming program. In either case, the Town would designate certain coves in which nets would protect the clam populations and only licensed clambers from the Town would have access.

The Committee is already experimenting with nets to determine if they increase clam survival rates. Darcie Couture, the Marine Resources coordinator/consultant, secured an Army Corps of Engineers permit to deploy intertidal nets placed and tended by Committee members in five coves with young clam populations: Henry Creek, Spruce Cove, Big Oak Ledge, Little Oak Ledge and High Head. The nets are expected to block green crabs but ribbon worms can pass through the mesh.

During the year the Committee did achieve a major success in increasing the areas open to harvesters. Following an extended process with the State Department of Marine Resources, the Town had more than 1,500 acres of productive shellfish flats and subtidal waters reclassified from prohibited to open for harvest, either year-round or seasonally. This recent opening represents one of the largest gains in access to shellfish flats in many years.

The Committee is also exploring depuration as a way to harvest clams from areas that have significant clam populations but are off limits due to poor water quality. Depuration involves harvesting clams and sending them to licensed operators who keep them in clean water until they become clean enough to be certified safe for consumption. The Committee is considering harvesting clams from Stovers Cove for depuration once that area has been reevaluated by the Department of Marine Resources.

During the past year, the Committee has also collected clams from a number of coves for scientific testing for the presence of neoplasia, a form of clam cancer. The disease is typically widespread in clam populations but only becomes a serious threat when it occurs in a high percentage of the clams in a cove. By establishing baseline data for the presence of neoplasia in the Town's coves, the Town will have a better idea of which areas are best suited for transplanting young seed clams.

Mitchell Field Committee

Mitchell Field improvements continue to attract residents and visitors who enjoy the open fields, forest, waterfront, Bandstand concerts and Community Garden.

This year the Committee installed new signage throughout the property to direct traffic and inform users of the facilities available. An attractive kiosk at the entry will be installed in the spring of 2016. It will display a brief history of the field, map of walking trails, and rules for recreational use.

The Community Garden initiated a student intern project with Harpswell Coastal Academy to help tend the “Common Garden.” With volunteers they delivered just over 1,000 pounds of organic vegetables to the Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Center. Our 25 rental plots are available to all on a variable fee basis. A full report of this season’s activities is on the Town Website.

We surveyed invasive plant species throughout the property in cooperation with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. Bittersweet, Honeysuckle, Autumn Olive, Multiflora Rose, Lupine and Knapweed are the main culprits! In 2016 we will work on a plan to address this problem.

The pier structures left by the Navy continue to deteriorate with collapse of the pump house and further erosion of the pier structures. The Committee submitted “Recommendations for Improvements to the Mitchell Field Waterfront” to the Board of Selectmen in November, 2015. This report supplements the Master Plan and can be found on the Town website.

Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee plans to meet more consistently in 2016 than 2015 to accomplish its goals of educating people on the benefits of recycling as well as working to support current management. The Committee has been re-energized with the addition of several new members and has been working closely with Manager Chuck Perow to provide a support structure to assist in the areas listed below. The Committee plans to meet on an ongoing basis to build on the momentum.

Areas in which to provide support:

1. Assess signage throughout the facility including the Transfer Station.
2. Determine appropriate educational opportunities for getting the word out about recycling including having guest speakers, putting articles in the local newspaper, and adding informative slides to the local cable TV loop.
3. Work with current management to encourage composting. As part of this initiative, revise the annual poster/flier and research homeowner composting opportunities.
4. Review the Town of Harpswell website and ensure all recycling material is up-to-date. In addition, track number of visits to the recycling page on the website.
5. Explore setting up walk-throughs of the Recycling Center with Town officials as well as other residents.
6. Work closely with management on any long-term planning, contracts and RFPs, as needed in an advisory/support role.
7. Understand the economics of the Recycling Center given the instability of the price of oil and other commodities.

Town Lands Committee

The Town Lands Committee continues to be active with monitoring and looking at ways to improve Town properties. Upgrades at present Town Landings and other properties continue as do efforts to gain better signage at Merritt House, York's, Hildreth Road, Lookout Point, Giant's Stairs, Graveyard Point and Uncle Zeke Island. Research has uncovered the fact that both Bar and Jenny islands are owned by the State of Maine, not Harpswell. Stover's Island, also referred to as Strawberry Creek Island, is owned by the Town and is part of the Maine Island Trail (MITA). Many of the other Town-owned islands are bird nesting sites and have landing restrictions between April and August 15. The Town Lands Committee tries to monitor all Town-owned islands at least once a year.

The Town Engineer has given his input about additional parking at Holbrook and Bethel Point landings and the Pott's Point Town Wharf. Increasing Town wharf parking is on the warrant for this year's Town meeting and the Committee supports this modest improvement. The work to provide additional parking at Hildreth Road was completed in December. Prior to Committee meetings, site visits were well attended at Indian Rest, Lookout Point, Wood Point, Steamboat Wharf, Mackerel Cove, and York's Landing. The public and abutters are always welcome to attend and to comment, whether we are gathering outside at one of the Town's thirty plus properties or in a meeting room at the Town Office.

The Committee welcomed several new stewards in 2015. Anyone who would like to be a steward of a property, landing, or island is encouraged to contact a member of the Committee. The Recreation Committee continues to update the "Harpswell Guide" which is available at the Town Office and on the Town's website. The Guide provides valuable information about many of the public spaces in Town.

Harpswell Community Television

Well...we did it. Thanks to you, our community television station is now Hi Definition digital. Through grants, donations and contributions to the bottle shed we raised enough non-government money to purchase and install a new digital transmitter, Emergency Alert System (EAS) equipment, updated fiber optic connections and back-up power. This new over-the-air portion of our service to you includes the capabilities you have asked for. Once it is completely installed we will be able to include program information for current and upcoming shows. With the new alert system (EAS) Harpswell viewers will see breaking emergency information provided by government agencies as well as local warnings. The Selectmen's meetings are now streamed live over the internet, many of our local programs are available for download on Vimeo.com and we will soon be available on mobile devices. Our new fundraising push is to acquire updated cameras for the studio. The old cameras are showing their age and they aren't up to the digital standards that we have created for the rest of the facility. You may have noticed an increase in local access programming. Gary Anderson has provided information on gun safety, how to take care of yourself in the woods and is working on a series of interviews with military veterans. People Plus has added a cooking segment to their monthly talk show and they plan to "spin it off" to a stand-alone production.

Of course we have continued to support all local committees and clubs by providing technical training, equipment and broadcast time for Harpswell activities. If you are having trouble receiving our over-the-air broadcast try re-scanning your TV. We are now digital and you need to tell your television to look for us in the digital mode.

We are available to answer your questions and to listen to your requests. Stop by for a visit or contact us at 207-833-2363, PO Box 99, Harpswell, ME 04079 or harpswelltv@yahoo.com

Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation is a 501c3 non-profit.

Cundy's Harbor Library

Thank you to the Town of Harpswell for your continued support of the Cundy's Harbor Library, which was matched by the generosity of our community in our Annual Appeal. Two of our long term goals were also accomplished thanks to two grants we received this year: the King Foundation for the repaving of our driveway and parking area and the Senter Fund for our Local History Digital Archive Project. The Friends of Maine Libraries helped us forward in our ongoing goal of providing STEM programming to our community with their Inside Out Makerspace grant. Our staff's hard work last winter in writing grants paid off with these remarkable successes and will form a good part of our programs in the coming year.

We have acquired an automated electronic defibrillator (AED) and offer the training for the community to use it. We are coordinating with our local schools to enhance their programs: we participated in Harpswell Community School's Math and Science Night and we had a Fall digital archive project with the Harpswell Coastal Academy on our historical postcard collection. We look forward to more collaboration with our schools and getting students to our library in the coming year. We will also be implementing a School Bus Bag program. We purchased a license for showing indoor classic films and have had various events to encourage different age groups to come together for movie nights and Saturday morning children's programs. Our patrons have come to depend on our WiFi service, both while we are open and after hours (if you happen to pass our parking lot and it is full when we are closed!) We have been able to augment our collections and thus save space to house them by vigorous use of our Interlibrary Loan support system, saving \$2,232 in book purchases, this data provided by the Maine State Library's Library Use Value Calculator.

Unexpectedly our Director left at the end of November, but we are confident our current search will provide a very capable and community friendly person to encourage the growth and success of our Library and the Harpswell community.

In 1993 Alice Swallow, then President of the CHL Board, wrote in her Annual Report to the Town: " We invite residents of Harpswell and guests to stop by to utilize and enjoy the Library and the little ocean park behind it. Pack a picnic, grab a good book and READ, READ, READ!" This sentiment is still so true.

Sue Hawkes, President, Carol Taylor, Vice-President
Pam Bichrest, Treasurer, Dianne Chilmonczyk, Secretary

Orr's Island Library

The Orr's Island Library's 111th year of operation was one of many successes and triumphs. Our 115 year-old organization and 110 year-old building continue to offer traditional library services as it moves into a more community resource environment. The slogan adopted at the beginning of our recent renovation and building project, "Moving ahead while preserving the past," holds true everyday of our operation.

The Board of Trustees is mindful that we have a trust to uphold to the Town of Harpswell and to our patrons who live near and far. The funding we receive from Town, grants received for particular projects, and from individual supporters, all across the United States and beyond, make it possible for us to continue offering our services and the use of our building, free of charge.

First Thursday lectures completed its second year and the number of attendees has risen from a dozen or so in the beginning to over seventy at one fall 2015 lecture. The lectures feature local individuals with a unique story to tell, including the Poet Laureate of Maine, Wesley McNair, who was our guest in September. Health Talks were introduced in 2015 and will continue in 2016.

Children's summer programs continued with six events held in 2015. All are educational and based on having a good time in the summer! There are numerous events that have become "annual events", Paper Shredding, Founders Day Dinner, Longest Yard Sale, The Annual Book Sale and Fair.

Planning for exciting events in 2016 is underway. Come and learn how you can become more involved in your local library and share in the satisfaction of knowing that the Orr's Island Library makes a difference in our Harpswell community.

Joanne Rogers, Librarian
John R. Webster, Board of Trustees President

Curtis Memorial Library

2015 was a busy, exciting year at Curtis Library. The Curtis Collaboratory opened at the beginning of the year. It is part interactive mini-classroom, part think tank, part play space, part studio, part museum, part gallery and all parts library. The Collaboratory is a dynamic, participatory learning experience for people of all ages and interests and it is open whenever the library is open. Please visit!

In April the library initiated a community conversation titled "10 Days, 100 Ideas". The goal was to identify what library users liked at the library, what they would like to see changed, and their ideas about the library's future. Over 1,500 ideas were submitted during the ten days and the library has already implemented many of the ideas suggested.

Library users also told us they continue to want both a traditional community library with space for quiet and reading and a modern, bustling community center with computers, electronic resources, and programming relevant to life in today's world. Curtis staff and volunteers are working hard to provide both.

In 2015 you also could find Curtis librarians out in the community doing programs and classes about topics as diverse as money management, job searching, the library of the future, and story time for kids. If you would like a Curtis librarian to do a program or presentation for your community organization, please call the library.

Our thanks go to the citizens of Harpswell for their continued support of Curtis Memorial Library. Your participation in this institution has been a long tradition and one that we hope continues far into the future.

Elisabeth Doucett, Executive Director

Harpswell Aging at Home: Community Assessment

Harpswell Aging at Home (HAH) is a community-led effort to enable the people of Harpswell to live more safely and comfortably in their homes and community as they age.

- From August through December 2015, HAH embarked on an assessment project to better understand what it's like to age in Harpswell and what supports people need as they age.
- A community survey was available to the public online through the Town website and hardcopies were circulated in local stores, through churches and at local events. Focus Groups were also held in three town locations.
- More than 340 people responded to the survey; 21 people participated in Focus Groups.
- In addition, key demographics were collected and analyzed by HAH.
- The results of this information form the basis for a comprehensive Assessment Report that has been published and is available on the town's website.
- Results from this assessment will guide HAH's process to create a community-driven action plan, ready to launch in late Spring 2016.

Key Findings:

- 1) With a median age of 56.9, Harpswell is the oldest town in Maine with more than 3,000 residents and our numbers of older residents are growing. Harpswell's older adults intend to age in Harpswell.
- 2) More than one-third of older adults in Harpswell do not have enough resources to meet basic expenses.
- 3) A majority of older Harpswell residents live in homes they own that are more than 25 years old. Home maintenance, basic home repair and help with simple chores are the top needs for older residents
- 4) Many older residents are reluctant to ask for help and are unfamiliar with elder care options, even when needed. People want easier access to information and a neutral place they can call for help.
- 5) Older residents continue to drive their cars into advanced old age. Most don't need help now, but anticipate the need and want to find practical solutions.

"For me, in light of aging at home, the community I'm in is the most helpful thing. They are just incredibly caring people that notice. They don't turn a blind eye. They know whether you've been out and about or if they haven't seen you for a day or two. They are aware of you and they care."

Focus Group Participant

Conclusions:

- Harpswell's older residents are a tremendous resource to the community; they are already volunteering and are eager to be a part of crafting solutions that help people age at home.
- Harpswell is built on strong traditions of neighbors helping neighbors; older adults value people of all ages in Harpswell and want solutions that strengthen intergenerational bonds.
- Harpswell's demography, geography and history present cultural challenges that need to be considered in designing responses to the needs of older residents.
- Increasing access to simple home repair options, help with chores, rides, and information about elder care and related services will help residents to remain in Harpswell as they age.
- Socialization is a critical and valued part of aging in place. Older residents want more opportunities to socialize as well as year-round walking and recreational opportunities.

To learn more, contact Dave Brown at 207-725-5601 or Jess Maurer at 207-332-1640.



January 29, 2016

Dear Town of Harpswell,

Since 2011, Mid Coast Hospital has been partnering with the Town of Harpswell to enhance emergency services for residents and visitors. The Paramedic Interceptor Service provides support to Harpswell volunteer emergency services, allowing for expanded emergency coverage, improved access to care, and a safer community for all.

In 2015, Mid Coast Hospital once again provided 24/7 paramedic coverage with a staffed vehicle, centrally located and well-positioned to respond to emergencies throughout Harpswell. Highlights from the past year include:

- The dedicated Mid Coast Paramedic vehicle responded to 440 calls
- Average response time for emergency services was 9 minutes
- A second Mid Coast Paramedic vehicle responded 12 times to assist when the dedicated vehicle was in use
- 55% of calls responded to were treated and transported at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level
- 17% of calls responded to were for respiratory, cardiac, or stroke incidents

Within the coming year, we will continue to collaborate with local ambulance services to advance technology, provide additional training opportunities, and deliver the best possible care for those needing emergency medical care.

2015 was an exceptional year for healthcare in our community. As we continue our work toward transforming healthcare and strengthening our region's healthcare system, we recognize that partnerships like this are the foundation of a regional system focused on improving the health of our community.

After four years of providing care, comfort, and emergency services, Mid Coast Hospital has truly become an integrated part of the Harpswell community. We thank you for your ongoing support and trust.

Sincerely,

Lois Skillings
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February 2, 2016

It continues to be a privilege and honor to serve as Superintendent of Schools of M.S.A.D. No. 75. The M.S.A.D. No. 75 Board of Directors must certainly be the most dedicated and hard-working school board in the State! Among those are Sarah Clemons, Linda W. Hall, David A. Johnson and Joanne M. Rogers, all residents of Harpswell.

In addition to regular Board meetings, members of the Board are involved in various committees throughout the year. These include the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee, the work of which includes adoption of a new K-6 math program and the Finance Committee responsible for developing the budget for FY 16, and currently beginning the FY 17 budget process. The Facilities Committee prioritized and approved projects this past year that included creating an additional instructional space inside the Learning Commons of Harpswell Community School and also approved a major Energy Performance project. The Policy Committee revised and adopted numerous policies that guide the District. The Committee conducted a complete review and revision of personnel policies, charter school student participation in extracurricular activities; and Committee members are currently reviewing facility use of buildings and grounds. The Negotiations Committee reached three-year contractual agreements with two of the four bargaining units and is currently negotiating with the Teachers Association. The Superintendent Evaluation Committee utilizes a comprehensive process that involves goals and performance review.

If that weren't enough Board members are also involved in several committees that include teachers, administrators and community members. Two State initiatives seek to improve student learning by changing the way teachers are evaluated, and raising the standards of learning to require students to demonstrate proficiency in order to receive a diploma. Both initiatives are important, subject to the political dynamics in our state and nation, and are "moving targets" that continue to change. Teacher and Principal Evaluation (PEPG) requirements are currently under consideration for change, based upon the new Every Student Succeeds Act that returns some authority for educational decisions back to the States from the federal government. The Proficiency-Based Diploma requirements continue to be a source of conflict that includes rigorous learning standards in Maine, and yet another change in our State-required assessment. Three years

ago school districts used the NECAP assessment. Last year we switched to SmarterBalanced Assessment and this spring will shift again to yet another State assessment! Students in Grades 3-8 will take an assessment developed by Measured Progress. We will return to the SAT, administered to students during their third year of high school.

Perhaps the biggest news, however, is the high school project. Over the past year, the District has followed the State process for school construction projects, completing the Educational Specifications, a New vs. Renovation Study, and held numerous forums in our communities. The first Straw Vote, held on January 21, 2016, resulted in an 85-0 vote in unanimous support of remaining on the current campus. District officials and the architectural firm of PDT (Portland Design Team) are currently engaged in space allocation determinations. Updates on the project are available through the District or any school website, as well as Facebook and Twitter.

There is exciting and important work underway in our schools. However, we cannot forget that we do this work while teaching and supporting the nearly 2,500 students who come to school each day. Helping students acquire important knowledge and life skills is more demanding than ever; and we are so fortunate to have such dedicated and talented teachers, support staff, and administrators in our schools.

On behalf of the students and staff of M.S.A.D. No. 75, please know how grateful we are to have communities that value the importance of education through their involvement and support!

Respectfully,

Bradley V. Smith
Superintendent of Schools



Harpowell Coastal Academy 2015-2016

Harpowell Coastal Academy got off to a roaring start this fall with the opening of our new campus on Brunswick Landing for our Division II students. HCA continues to add grades and build our community from 60 students in our first year, to 180 in our third and current year. As has come to be expected at HCA, our students are engaged in a variety of hands-on, experiential projects designed to bring learning in Maine closer to the heritage and values of our local communities.

This year's projects include a student-run Cundy's Harbor working waterfront documentary project in collaboration with the Holbrook Foundation; learning and practicing the necessary nautical skills for sailing the HCA sailboats; exploring thermal heating technology to design sustainable heating units that minimize energy expenditure; conceptualizing what it means to be "healthy" through our wellness classes, and finally a project to examine the current state of the textile industry in America and abroad. The projects we pursue at HCA entice our students to *think* uniquely, *discover* new perspectives through innovative lessons, and *create* new methods and directions through hands-on application.

This past summer, HCA farm manager and Cundy's Harbor resident Henry Gilbert launched the HCA Community farm on leased land on Rt. 123. The farm grows produce for our school lunch and the School House Cafe and serves as a classroom for our life sciences and wellness curricula. This coming summer we eagerly look forward to another successful summer program that will include the farm, as well as sailing, outdoor adventure, and arts offerings.

HCA is grateful to the many Harpswell community members who support our students, staff and family. Our place-based model depends on being able to connect our students to the workers, businesses, organizations and mentors in our community, and we are thankful that we have been able to count on those connections for three years now.



Proven Expertise and Integrity

January 29, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Harpswell, Maine
Harpswell, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Harpswell and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Harpswell as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement 4
Comparative Balance Sheets – General Fund	Exhibit A-1
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Budgetary Basis of Accounting) – General Fund	Exhibit A-2
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Exhibit B-2

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TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2015

	General	Road Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 12,468,812	-	-	12,468,812
Intergovernmental	177,868	-	51,877	229,745
Miscellaneous	609,435	-	55,470	664,905
Total revenues	13,256,115	-	107,347	13,363,462
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,291,678	-	-	1,291,678
Public works	771,825	-	-	771,825
Protection and safety	1,128,732	-	-	1,128,732
Health and welfare	31,767	-	-	31,767
Cultural and recreation	269,162	-	62,132	331,294
Education	7,622,307	-	-	7,622,307
County taxes	1,255,204	-	-	1,255,204
Overlay/abatements	1,953	-	-	1,953
Debt service	553,044	-	-	553,044
Capital and special projects	304,400	177,269	262,645	744,314
Total expenditures	13,230,072	177,269	324,777	13,732,118
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	26,043	(177,269)	(217,430)	(368,656)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Transfers (to) from other funds	(89,500)	-	89,500	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(89,500)	-	89,500	-
Net change in fund balances	(63,457)	(177,269)	(127,930)	(368,656)
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,985,069	493,933	685,415	5,164,417
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 3,921,612	316,664	557,485	4,795,761

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets
General Fund
December 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,642,455	5,028,136
Receivables:		
Taxes	332,522	356,543
Tax liens and acquired properties	61,556	68,326
Other	74,807	59,504
Prepaid items	16,650	17,147
Total assets	\$ 5,127,990	5,529,656
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	49,709	73,713
Unearned revenue - taxes paid in advance	4,645	5,061
Unearned revenue - other	7,875	16,465
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	51,484	46,610
Capital Projects	822,665	1,132,738
Total liabilities	936,378	1,274,587
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	270,000	270,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	270,000	270,000
FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid Insurance	16,650	17,147
Committed:		
Land acquisition and easement monitoring	-	15,838
Assigned	453,771	558,720
Unassigned	3,451,191	3,393,364
Total fund balance	3,921,612	3,985,069
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 5,127,990	5,529,656

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting)
For the year ended December 31, 2015

	<u>Budgeted amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance positive (negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 11,265,823	11,265,823	11,265,986	163
Change in unavailable revenue	-	-		-
Interest and fees on property taxes	21,000	21,000	21,606	606
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,072,000	1,072,000	1,181,220	109,220
Total taxes	12,358,823	12,358,823	12,468,812	109,989
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	60,000	60,000	68,480	8,480
Local road assistance URIP	34,000	34,000	35,164	1,164
Homestead exemption and BETE	44,405	44,405	44,449	44
Tree growth	9,000	9,000	10,353	1,353
General assistance	6,000	6,000	8,066	2,066
Veterans exemption	3,000	3,000	3,413	413
Other	2,000	2,000	7,943	5,943
Total intergovernmental	158,405	158,405	177,868	19,463
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	8,000	8,000	6,680	(1,320)
Copies and records	3,500	3,500	3,480	(20)
Cable TV franchise fee	80,000	80,000	89,593	9,593
Cable technology & capital equipment	11,400	11,400	11,400	-
Licenses, fees and permits	194,000	194,000	197,279	3,279
Fines	-	-	1,853	1,853
Recycling center and disposal fees	155,500	155,500	158,923	3,423
Donations and gifts	10,000	10,000	19,509	9,509
Sale of property	-	-	62,482	62,482
Receipts from Harpswell Coastal Academy	-	-	30,000	30,000
Tower lease	21,000	21,000	21,180	180
Unclassified	4,000	4,000	7,056	3,056
Total miscellaneous	487,400	487,400	609,435	122,035
Total revenues	\$ 13,004,628	13,004,628	13,256,115	251,487

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued
For the year ended December 31, 2015

For the year ended December 31, 2015							
Article		Balances	Budgeted amounts			Variance	Balances
#	Account	carried forward	Original	Final	Actual	positive (negative)	carried forward
Expenditures:							
General government:							
20	Elected officials	\$ -	139,070	139,070	137,949	1,121	-
General administration:							
21	Administration	-	262,112	262,112	252,291	9,821	-
21	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	8,615	385	-
21	Risk management	-	57,840	57,840	52,657	5,183	-
21	Legal services	-	50,000	50,000	52,577	(2,577)	-
22	Memberships	-	16,422	16,422	16,422	-	-
23	Assessing	-	76,360	76,360	70,073	6,287	-
24	Tax collector's office	-	32,415	32,415	32,104	311	-
25	Town clerk's office	-	53,034	53,034	43,889	9,145	-
26	Treasurer	-	28,269	28,269	27,894	375	-
27	Code enforcement	-	118,172	118,172	113,647	4,525	-
28	Planning	-	78,318	78,318	47,821	30,497	-
37	Employee benefits	-	350,257	350,257	320,688	29,569	-
38	Boards and committees	-	6,110	6,110	3,112	2,998	-
Operations and maintenance:							
39	Municipal buildings and property	-	73,850	73,850	66,681	7,169	-
39	Old town house and commons	-	5,500	5,500	4,353	1,147	-
39	Town dock	-	3,000	3,000	3,680	(680)	-
39	Town lands and landings	15,024	12,000	27,024	25,298	1,726	-
39	Cedar/Robinhood Beach easement	-	2,500	2,500	1,242	1,258	-
40	Cemeteries	-	11,000	11,000	10,685	315	-
Total general government		15,024	1,385,229	1,400,253	1,291,678	108,575	-
Public works:							
44	Snow removal	-	430,418	430,418	408,116	22,302	-
44	Maintenance	-	70,000	70,000	54,766	15,234	-
44	Road, street signs	-	2,500	2,500	3,432	(932)	-
29	Recycling and transfer station	-	323,690	323,690	305,511	18,179	-
Total public works		-	826,608	826,608	771,825	54,783	-
Protection and safety:							
48, 49	Emergency services	-	192,790	192,790	191,318	1,472	-
46	Emergency services planning	-	5,000	5,000	3,906	1,094	1,094
39	Emergency services building	-	6,300	6,300	4,225	2,075	-
47	Contracted paramedic services	-	277,564	277,564	277,560	4	-
50	Street lighting	-	28,000	28,000	26,208	1,792	-
33	Harbor management	-	43,788	43,788	43,560	228	-
30	Animal control	-	25,707	25,707	23,757	1,950	-
51, 52	Law enforcement and communication	-	362,666	362,666	362,665	1	-
54	Marine consultant & conservation mng	22,015	12,000	34,015	9,718	24,297	-
53, 55	Shellfish conservation contract & boat	-	190,842	190,842	185,815	5,027	-
Total protection and safety		22,015	1,144,657	1,166,672	1,128,732	37,940	1,094
Health and welfare:							
CF	Health and welfare restricted gift	300	-	300	-	300	300
56	Health and welfare	-	32,880	32,880	31,767	1,113	-
Total health and welfare		300	32,880	33,180	31,767	1,413	300
Cultural and recreation:							
58-61	Cultural and education programs	-	46,969	46,969	41,229	5,740	4,525
57	Curtis Memorial Library	-	132,691	132,691	132,691	-	-
62	Harpswell Community Broadcasting	-	63,750	63,750	63,750	-	-
34	Recreation - general	-	28,899	28,899	31,492	(2,593)	-
Total cultural and recreation		-	272,309	272,309	269,162	3,147	4,525

1 Contingency transfers (\$20,342) approved by selectmen to cover recreation, town facilities and equipment

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued
For the year ended December 31, 2014

For the year ended December 31, 2014								
Article			Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts			Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
#	Account			Original	Final	Actual		
Expenditures, continued:								
CF, 65	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	\$	56,536	30,000	86,536	48,643	37,893	37,893
Other capital / carryovers / reserves:								
CF	Dry hydrant development		12,780		12,780	-	12,780	12,780
CF	Land acquisition & Town property improvement		18,280		18,280	-	18,280	80,762
CF, 65	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment		76,098	30,000	106,098	37,033	69,065	69,065
CF	Update of assessing records		20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF, 65	Emergency communication equipment		16,521	5,000	21,521	-	21,521	21,521
CF	Land acquisition map 42, lot 6		3,318	-	3,318	-	3,318	3,318
CF, 65	Boat and motor replacement		33,243	5,000	38,243	-	38,243	38,243
CF	Generator replacement		13,500	-	13,500	4,625	8,875	-
CF	T/O & Facilities Improvements		45,555	-	45,555	57,580	(12,025)	-
CF	Office equipment		12,205	7,500	19,705	25,429	(5,724)	-
CF	Conservation fund		5,000		5,000	-	5,000	5,000
CF, 68	Cable related technology account		9,608	5,400	15,008	7,546	7,462	7,462
63	Public, educational & governmental equipment		-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-
CF	Legislative agent		1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	-
CF	Economic development		3,910	-	3,910	2,070	1,840	-
CF	Self insurance reserve		2,011	-	2,011	361	1,650	1,650
CF	Heating assistance		36,546		36,546	10,154	26,392	36,151
CF	Marine hazards		3,522	-	3,522	1,545	1,977	-
CF	Failed septic systems		22,649	-	22,649	-	22,649	22,649
36	Public transportation		-	9,000	9,000	4,599	4,401	-
31	Cedar Beach/Cedar Island legal funds		-	110,000	110,000	63,249	46,751	46,751
64	PEG Equipment warranty		-	8,000	8,000	7,988	12	-
CF	FEMA Consultant		2,961	-	2,961	-	2,961	2,961
CF	Energy Conservation		2,502	-	2,502	-	2,502	2,502
16	Property tax assistance program		15,702	10,000	25,702	9,827	15,875	15,875
CF	Pott's Point Town dock system		5,500		5,500	-	5,500	5,500
CF, 43	Mitchell Field reserve		10,758	-	10,758	8,000	2,758	2,758
42	Mitchell Field - operations		2,250	11,300	13,550	8,983	4,567	-
CF	Mitchell Field - ramp or bandstand donation		1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
CF	Mitchell Field - pier		8,873	-	8,873	73	8,800	-
	West Harpswell School lease proceeds		20,000	-	20,000		20,000	-
CF	West Harpswell School - carry forward		9,400	-	9,400	-	9,400	-
CF	West Harpswell School - capital		15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	-
41	West Harpswell School - operations		-	4,000	4,000	695	3,305	-
Total capital and special projects			488,063	241,200	729,263	304,400	424,863	434,876
67	Debt service		-	560,000	560,000	553,044	6,956	-
CF	Contingency		33,318	-	33,318	-	33,318	12,976
Total budgeted expenditures			558,720	4,462,883	5,021,603	4,350,608	670,995	453,771
Other expenditures:								
	Educational appropriation		-	7,622,307	7,622,307	7,622,307	-	-
	County tax		-	1,255,204	1,255,204	1,255,204	-	-
	Overlay / abatements		-	80,734	80,734	1,953	78,781	-
Total other expenditures			-	8,958,245	8,958,245	8,879,464	78,781	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over								
(under) expenditures			(558,720)	(416,500)	(975,220)	26,043	1,001,263	(453,771)
66	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle		-	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	-	-
35	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs		-	(14,500)	(14,500)	(14,500)	-	-
78	Use of unassigned fund balance - budget		-	506,000	506,000	-	(506,000)	-
69	Use of carryforward balances		558,720	-	558,720	-	(558,720)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)			558,720	416,500	975,220	(89,500)	(1,064,720)	-
Net change in fund balance			-	-	-	(63,457)	(63,457)	(453,771)
Fund balance, beginning of year						3,985,069		
Fund balance, end of year						\$ 3,921,612		
1 Contingency transfers (\$20,342) approved by selectmen to cover recreation, town facilities and equipment								
2 Balances carried forward include 2015 revenues received for these purposes								
3 Revenue received directly applied to capital lease payment								

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended December 31, 2015

	Special Revenues		Capital Projects	
	Restricted Grants	Recreation	Emergency Vehicles	Totals
Revenues:				
Grants	\$ 51,877	-	-	51,877
Interest earned	-	-	994	994
Bandstand donations	-	8,586	-	8,586
Charges for services	-	45,890	-	45,890
Total revenues	51,877	54,476	994	107,347
Expenditures:				
For specified purpose	53,847	52,582	-	106,429
Bandstand	-	9,550	-	9,550
Capital outlay	-	-	208,798	208,798
Total expenditures	53,847	62,132	208,798	324,777
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	- (1,970)	(7,656)	(207,804)	(217,430)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from general fund	-	14,500	75,000	89,500
Total other financing sources	-	14,500	75,000	89,500
Net change in fund balances	(1,970)	6,844	(132,804)	(127,930)
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,520	44,090	638,805	685,415
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 550	50,934	506,001	557,485

2016 Proposed Summary Budget

	2015	2016	
OPERATIONS			
General Government	\$ 1,391,529	\$ 1,407,936	1.2%
Public Works	\$ 826,608	\$ 848,295	2.6%
Protection & Safety	\$ 1,133,357	\$ 1,129,882	-0.3%
Health & Welfare	\$ 32,880	\$ 33,230	1.1%
Cultural & Recreational	\$ 286,809	\$ 300,504	4.8%
Special Projects	\$ 32,000	\$ 85,900	168.4%
Cedar Beach	\$ 110,000	\$ -	
Mitchell Field (MF)	\$ 11,300	\$ 33,300	194.7%
West Harpswell School	\$ 4,000	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 3,828,483</u>	<u>\$ 3,839,047</u>	0.3%
CAPITAL			
Debt Service	\$ 560,000	\$ 550,000	-1.8%
Emergency Vehicles	\$ 75,000	\$ -	
Roads	\$ -	\$ 275,000	
MF: Pump House Removal	\$ -	\$ 150,000	
MF: Capital Planning	\$ -	\$ 30,000	
Other Capital	\$ 77,500	\$ 75,000	-3.2%
	<u>\$ 712,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,080,000</u>	51.6%
TOTAL	\$ 4,540,983	\$ 4,919,047	8.3%

The above table compares 2015 appropriated amounts with proposed 2016 Annual Town Meeting appropriations. No bond is being proposed for 2016. Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property tax, non-property tax revenue, general fund balance, and State payments including homestead exemption reimbursement.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. In 2016, this assessment is estimated to increase by 5% from \$1,255,204 to \$1,317,964. This figure is not reflected above.

The SAD # 75 budget is developed independently and is not reflected above. The School Board holds hearings as it is developing its budget and then votes on a budget proposal. Voters in all four towns in the District vote on the school budget first by open meeting, then by secret ballot in the budget validation process, which usually occurs in June. (\$7,622,307 was paid to SAD # 75 in 2015).

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 12, 2016**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To Any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the twelfth day of March, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 3. The business meeting to act on Article 4 and others that follow will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Art. 1 — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

(POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M.)

Art. 2 — To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; one Town Clerk for a three-year term; one Tax Collector for a three-year term; and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a three-year term.

Art. 3 — To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,345 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. (\$132,691 raised & appropriated in 2015; \$132,691 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Addressing the Planning Board’s Opportunity to Assume Jurisdiction for the Review of Applications for the Reconstruction or Replacement of Nonconforming Structures” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

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10.3.2.2. Reconstruction or Replacement. Any nonconforming structure that is located less than the required setback from a property line or road and which is removed, damaged, or destroyed by more than fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the structure, as adjusted by the Town’s assessment ratio as most recently certified by the Assessors to the State of Maine, before such damage, destruction, or removal, as determined by the Assessors or their designee in consultation with the CEO, may be reconstructed or replaced provided that a permit is obtained within one (1) year of the date of said damage, destruction, or removal, and provided such replacement or reconstruction is in compliance with the setback requirements to the greatest practical extent as determined by the CEO in accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance; provided, however, that any nonconforming structure that is located less than the required setback from a property line or road and that is damaged or destroyed by fire or any cause other than the willful act or negligence of the owner or the owners agent may be reconstructed on the same footprint as the structure that was destroyed. In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity. Any reconstruction or replacement approved by the CEO pursuant to this subsection shall be endorsed in writing by the CEO.

10.3.2.3 Authority of Planning Board to Exercise Jurisdiction over an Application. For any application for relocation of a nonconforming structure, or for the reconstruction or replacement of a nonconforming structure that was removed, damaged, or destroyed by more than fifty percent (50%) of the adjusted assessed value of the structure, made under Section 10.3.2, the CEO shall provide written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property as listed on the Town's most recent assessing records that a relocation, reconstruction or replacement application has been received and is being reviewed. During that forty (40) day time period, the Planning Board may elect to exercise jurisdiction over the relocation, reconstruction or replacement application. The Planning Board's review, if any, shall be governed by the same review standards as govern the CEO review. The CEO shall not issue any permit under this Section until the earlier of (a) forty (40) days after the date that the CEO provides such written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property as listed on the Town's most recent assessing records or (b) the date the Planning Board declines to exercise jurisdiction over the application. Any relocation, reconstruction or replacement application approved by the Planning Board pursuant to this subsection shall be endorsed in writing. Failure of any property owner to receive the notice sent under this subsection does not invalidate any action taken by the CEO or Planning Board.

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13.4. Procedure for Administering Permits

13.4.1. With the exception of applications for subdivision and site plan review approvals and applications for which the Planning Board is provided the opportunity to take jurisdiction, the Planning Board or CEO, as appropriate, shall examine all written applications for permits or other actions under the Town's land use ordinances and within thirty-five (35) days from the date of receipt of such written application, shall notify the applicant in writing either that the application is a complete application, or, if the application is incomplete, that specified additional material is needed to make the application complete.

13.4.2. With the exception of applications for subdivision and site plan review approvals and applications for which the Planning Board is provided the opportunity to take jurisdiction, the Planning Board may or CEO shall, as appropriate, within the thirty-five (35) day time frame, visit the site for which the permit is sought.

13.4.3. The applicant shall have the burden of proving that the proposed land use activity is in conformity with the purpose and provisions of the Town's land use ordinances and any State or Federal law, regulation or rule.

13.4.4. With the exception of applications for subdivision and site plan review approvals and applications for which the Planning Board is provided the opportunity to take jurisdiction, the Planning Board or CEO, as appropriate, shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny all permit applications in writing within thirty-five (35) days of receiving a completed application. However, if the Planning Board has a waiting list of applications, a decision on the application shall occur within thirty-five (35) days of the public hearing if one is held, or within thirty-five (35) days of the next regularly scheduled meeting at which the application is considered.

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12.3.1.1. Administrative Appeals. To hear and decide appeals, on an appellate basis, where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by, or failure to act by, the Planning Board or the Assessors or their designee in the administration of the Town's land use ordinances; and to hear and decide administrative appeals, on a *de novo* basis, where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the CEO or Local Plumbing Inspector in the administration or enforcement of the Town's land use ordinances, the Maine Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Rules, Internal Plumbing Code, Minimum Lot Size Law and Regulations, and Rules for Conversion of Seasonal Dwelling Units into Year-Round Residences in the Shoreland Zone; provided, however, that the CEO or Local Plumbing Inspector's exercise of his or her discretionary judgment whether to pursue enforcement activity under the Town's land use ordinances, the Maine Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Rules, Internal Plumbing Code, Minimum Lot Size Law and Regulations, and Rules for Conversion of Seasonal Dwelling Units into Year-Round Residences in the Shoreland Zone is not subject to appeal.

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14.2.1. Administrative Appeal. An administrative appeal may be taken to the Board of Appeals by an aggrieved party from any decision of the CEO, ~~or the Planning Board,~~ or the Assessors or their designee unless otherwise noted in the appropriate land use ordinance or any decision of the Local Plumbing Inspector in the administration of the Maine Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Rules, Internal Plumbing Code, Minimum Lot Size Law and

Regulations, and Rules for Conversion of Seasonal Dwelling Units into Year-Round Residences in the Shoreland Zone. Such appeal shall be taken within forty (40) days of the date of the decision appealed from, and not otherwise, except that the Board, upon showing of good cause, may waive the forty (40) day requirement.

The Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

10.3. Non-Conforming Structures

10.3.1. Expansions. A non-conforming structure may be added to or expanded after obtaining a permit from the same permitting authority as that for a new structure, if such addition or expansion does not increase the non-conformity of the structure. For the purposes of this Ordinance, an increase to the non-conformity of the structure shall mean:

- any expansion towards a water body, great pond, stream, tributary stream, coastal wetland, freshwater wetland or property line that decreases the shortest existing non-conforming setback distance from the; water body, great pond, stream, tributary stream, coastal wetland, freshwater wetland or property line; or
- any expansion that would cause the structure to exceed the impermeable surface coverage requirements of Section 15.2.4; or
- any expansion that would cause the structure to exceed the height limits of Section 15.2.2.

The shortest existing non-conforming setback distance from a water body, great pond, stream, tributary stream, coastal wetland, freshwater wetland or a property line may not be measured from an existing area used mainly for access to a structure, such as a small patio, terrace, landing, or small set of stairs.

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10.3.2.2. Reconstruction or Replacement – More than Fifty Percent of Value. Any non-conforming structure that is located less than the required setback from a waterbody, great pond, stream, tributary stream, coastal wetland, freshwater wetland or from a property line, and that is removed, damaged, or destroyed, regardless of the cause, by more than fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the structure, as adjusted by the Town's assessment ratio as most recently certified by the Assessors to the State of Maine, before such damage, destruction, or removal, as determined by the Assessors or their designee in consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer, may be reconstructed or replaced provided that a permit is obtained within one (1) year of the date of said damage, destruction, or removal, and provided that such replacement or reconstruction is in compliance with the setback requirements to the greatest practical extent, as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, in accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance. In no case, shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its non-conformity. Any reconstruction or replacement approved by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to this subsection shall be endorsed in writing by the Code Enforcement Officer. If the reconstructed or replacement structure is less than the required setback, it shall not be any larger than the original structure, except as allowed pursuant to Section 10.3.1. above, as determined by the non-conforming floor area and volume of the reconstructed or replaced structure at its new location. If the total amount of floor area and volume of the original structure can be relocated or reconstructed beyond the required setback area, no portion of the relocated or reconstructed structure shall be replaced or constructed at less than the setback requirement for a new structure. When it is necessary to remove vegetation in order to replace or reconstruct a structure, vegetation shall be replanted in accordance with Section 10.3.2.1 above.

~~Any non-conforming structure that is located less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland and that is removed by fifty percent (50%) or less of the assessed value of the structure, as adjusted by the Town's assessment ratio as most recently certified by the Assessors to the State of Maine, or damaged or destroyed by fifty percent (50%) or less of the assessed value of the structure, as adjusted by the Town's assessment ratio as most recently certified by the Assessors to the State of Maine, excluding normal maintenance and repair, may be reconstructed in place if a permit is obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer within one year of such damage, destruction, or removal.~~

In determining whether the building reconstruction or replacement meets the water body, great pond, stream, tributary stream, coastal wetland, or freshwater wetland setback to the greatest practical extent, the Code Enforcement Officer shall consider, in addition to the criteria in Section 10.3.2.1 above, the physical condition and type of foundation present, if any.

10.3.2.3. Reconstruction or Replacement –Fifty Percent or Less of Value. Any non-conforming structure that is located less than the required setback from a water body, great pond, stream, tributary stream, coastal wetland or freshwater wetland or from a property line and that is removed by fifty percent (50%) or less of the assessed value of the structure, as adjusted by the Town’s assessment ratio as most recently certified by the Assessors to the State of Maine, as determined by the Assessors or their designee in consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer or damaged or destroyed by fifty percent (50%) or less of the assessed value of the structure, as adjusted by the Town’s assessment ratio as most recently certified by the Assessors to the State of Maine as determined by the Assessors or their designee in consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer, excluding normal maintenance and repair, may be reconstructed in place if a permit is obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer within one year of such damage, destruction, or removal.

10.3.2.43. Authority of Planning Board to Exercise Jurisdiction over an Application. For any application for relocation of a nonconforming structure made under 10.3.2.1, or for the reconstruction or replacement of a nonconforming structure involving more than fifty percent of its adjusted assessed value made under 10.3.2.2 ~~made under Section 10.3~~, the Code Enforcement Officer shall provide written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property as listed on the Town’s most recent assessing records that a relocation, reconstruction or replacement application has been received and is being reviewed. During that forty (40) day time period, the Planning Board may elect to exercise jurisdiction over the relocation, reconstruction or replacement application. The Planning Board’s review, if any, shall be governed by the same review standards as govern the Code Enforcement Officer’s review. The Code Enforcement Officer shall not issue any permit under this Section until the earlier of (a) forty (40) days after the date that the Code Enforcement Officer provides such written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property as listed on the Town’s most recent assessing records or (b) the date the Planning Board declines to exercise jurisdiction over the application. Any relocation, reconstruction or replacement application approved by the Planning Board pursuant to this subsection shall be endorsed in writing. Failure of any property owner to receive the notice sent under this subsection does not invalidate any action taken by the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board.

Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance and the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance To Allow the Placement of an Accessory Temporary Living Accommodation on a Lot During the Construction or Reconstruction of a Single-Family Home” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

Section 11. Standards

11.3.3 Accessory Temporary Living Accommodation. During the construction or reconstruction of a single-family home, a property owner may place an accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot in conformance with this section. Prior to installing the accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot, the property owner must obtain a temporary certificate of compliance from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). The CEO shall issue the temporary certificate only if he/she finds that all of the provisions of this section have been met. The temporary certificate of compliance shall be for a period of not more than twelve (12) months. The owner may apply for up to two (2) twelve (12) month renewals of the temporary compliance permit and the CEO shall approve such renewals only if he/she finds that the property owner is in compliance with all of the provisions of this section. The placement and use of the accessory temporary living accommodation shall conform to all of the following requirements:

11.3.3.1. The accessory temporary living accommodation shall be a travel trailer, recreational vehicle, tent, or other similar enclosure that is not permanently attached to the ground.

11.3.3.2. The temporary living accommodation shall have a maximum of three hundred (300) square feet of area that can be occupied.

11.3.3.3. The accommodation shall be used only for the temporary living quarters of the property owner and her/his immediate family while construction is in progress on the home.

11.3.3.4. The temporary living accommodation shall be located on the lot in full conformance with the shoreland and property line setbacks.

11.3.3.5. The temporary living accommodation shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation and if the accommodation is a travel trailer, recreational vehicle, or similar mobile enclosure with integral wheels, the wheels shall remain on the vehicle while it is on the lot.

11.3.3.6. The owner shall prepare a written sewage disposal plan describing the proposed method and location of provisions for sewage disposal. The plan must be approved by the local plumbing inspector. When disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility or land owner is required.

A property owner who has been issued a temporary certificate of compliance for the placement of an accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot shall remove the temporary living accommodation within fifteen (15) days of being notified by the CEO in writing that the use is not in compliance with the standards and/or that the temporary certificate of compliance has expired, or shall disconnect the unit from all permanent utilities and sewage disposal provisions within fifteen (15) days of receiving a certificate of compliance for the new or replacement home. Failure to remove the accessory temporary living accommodation or disconnect it from all permanent utilities and sewage disposal provisions as required shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance subject to the penalties described in Section 13.6 herein.

The Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

Section 15 Land Use Standards

15.2.6. During the construction or reconstruction of a single-family home, a property owner may place an accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot in conformance with this section. Prior to installing the accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot, the property owner must obtain a temporary certificate of compliance from the Code Enforcement Officer. The CEO shall issue the temporary certificate of compliance only if he/she finds that all of the provisions of this section have been met. The temporary certificate of compliance shall be for a period of not more than twelve (12) months. The owner may apply for up to two (2) twelve (12) month renewals of the temporary compliance permit and the CEO shall approve such renewals only if he/she finds that the property owner is in compliance with all of the provisions of this section.

The placement and use of the accessory temporary living accommodation shall conform to all of the following requirements:

15.2.6.1. The accessory temporary living accommodation shall be a travel trailer, recreational vehicle, tent, or other similar enclosure that is not permanently attached to the ground.

15.2.6.2. The temporary living accommodation shall have a maximum of three hundred (300) square feet of area that can be occupied.

15.2.6.3. The accommodation shall be used only for the temporary living quarters of the property owner and her/his immediate family while construction is in progress on the home.

15.2.6.4. The temporary living accommodation shall be located on the lot in full conformance with the shoreland and property line setbacks.

15.2.6.5. The temporary living accommodation shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation and if the accommodation is a travel trailer, recreational vehicle, or similar mobile enclosure with integral wheels, the wheels shall remain on the vehicle while it is on the lot.

15.2.6.6. The owner shall prepare a written sewage disposal plan describing the proposed method and location of provisions for sewage disposal. The plan must be approved by the local plumbing inspector. When disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility or land owner is required.

A property owner who has been issued a temporary certificate of compliance for the placement of an accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot shall remove the temporary living accommodation within fifteen (15) days of being notified by the CEO in writing that the use is not in compliance with the standards and/or that the temporary certificate of compliance has expired, or shall disconnect the unit from all permanent utilities and sewage disposal provisions within fifteen (15) days of receiving a certificate of compliance for the new or replacement home. Failure to remove the accessory temporary living accommodation or disconnect it from all permanent utilities and sewage disposal provisions as required shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance subject to the penalties described in Section 13.6 of the Basic Land Use Ordinance in accordance with Section 16. Administration.

Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance to Increase the Maximum Height of Structures to Thirty-Two (32) Feet” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

Section 11. Standards

11.1 Minimum Lot Standards

OTHER AREAS OF TOWN²

	AREAS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF A SUBDIVISION	AREAS LOCATED WITHIN A SUBDIVISION ⁴
MIN. LOT SIZE (S.F.) PER DWELLING UNIT	40,000	80,000
ROAD FRONTAGE (FT)	150 ³	150 ⁵
PROPERTY LINE SETBACK (FT)	See Section 11.3.1	See Section 11.3.1
ROAD SETBACK (FT)	See Section 11.3.1	See Section 11.3.1
STRUCTURE HEIGHT (FT)	30 <u>32</u>	30 <u>32</u>

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11.3.2. Height of Structures. All principal and accessory structures shall not exceed thirty-two (~~30~~ 32) feet in height. All expansions of principal and accessory structures that increase the footprint of the structure shall not exceed thirty-two (~~30~~ 32) feet in height. For any principal or accessory structure existing as of March 10, 2007 that lawfully exceeds thirty-two (~~30~~ 32) feet in height, such structure may be expanded without the need for a variance provided that (a) the expansion does not increase the footprint of the structure; and (b) the expansion does not exceed the greatest height of the existing structure. Expansions of nonconforming structures must comply with all other expansion limitations of this Ordinance. The CEO shall review any proposed expansion of a structure and shall determine, in writing, whether the requirements of this subsection are met prior to the issuance of any permit. This subsection does not apply to structures having no floor area, such as transmission towers, windmills, antennas and similar structures.

Art. 7 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum to Create a Definition of Code Enforcement Officer” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Definitions Addendum shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

Code Enforcement Officer – the person appointed as Code Enforcement Officer or Alternate Code Enforcement Officer by the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 8 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and the Insect Growth Regulator and Insecticide Application Control Ordinance Dealing with the Use of Pesticides and Fertilizers” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 9 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

(Proposed additions are underlined and proposed deletions are ~~struck out~~.)

4.16 Point of Access

~~An~~ The upland area in Harpswell ~~from which access to the water is achieved~~ that is used to access a mooring.

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5.1.6 Permit Stickers

Upon successful registration, the Town Clerk shall issue a permit sticker showing the year and permit number that is to be ~~attached to the mooring buoy or~~ kept on the boat registered to the mooring. In addition, the permit number must be painted or burned onto the mooring buoy in a legible manner with numbers at least 3 inches tall. Mooring buoys without the mooring permit number properly displayed shall be considered abandoned.

Art. 10 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials’ salaries and travel reimbursement as follows, for which Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions, and when the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment, at their discretion:

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	42,655	42,024	42,024
Town Clerk*	46,636	45,946	45,946
Road Commissioner	30,450	30,000	30,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>2,900</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>1,979</u>
	\$140,641	\$139,070	\$137,949

*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,455 which is budgeted in Article 11.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$377,419 for general administration.

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$184,071	\$181,812	\$179,335
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	30,655	32,400	28,550
Audit	12,000	12,000	10,200
Other	35,300	35,900	30,860
Public Information	9,000	9,000	8,615
Legal	50,000	50,000	52,577
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>56,393</u>	<u>57,840</u>	<u>52,657</u>
	\$377,419	\$378,952	\$362,794

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,622 for memberships as follows:

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$9,124	\$8,787	\$8,787
Mid Coast Economic Development District	5,973	7,110	7,110
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$15,622	\$16,422	\$16,422

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,219 for the Assessing Office. (\$76,360 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$70,073 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,104 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$32,415 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$32,104 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,595 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$53,034 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$43,889 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,308 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$28,269 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$27,894 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,652 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$118,172 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$113,647 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,132 for the Planning Office and for planning services. (\$78,318 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$47,821 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$333,971 for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$323,690 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$305,510 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,933 for Animal Control to include \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society. (\$25,707 raised and appropriated in 2015 including \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$23,757 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,603 for Harbor Management. (\$43,788 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$43,560 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,206 for the Recreation Department. (\$28,899 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$31,492 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for a recreation-themed festival at Mitchell Field.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for Recreation Programs and the sum of \$3,500 for maintenance of Trufant-Summerton Field, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes and revenue generated by advertising for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field. (\$14,500 raised and appropriated in 2015)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Recreation Special Revenue Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for improvements to Trufant-Summerton Field.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for a public transportation service. (\$9,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$4,599 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$355,954 for employee benefits.

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Health Insurance	\$234,760	\$233,094	\$215,270
Social Sec/Medicare	65,847	63,944	59,173
Retirement	52,827	50,219	44,055
Disability	<u>2,520</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,190</u>
	\$355,954	\$350,257	\$320,688

Note: Elected Officials may participate in the health plan pursuant to terms of the Town's personnel policy.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,110 for boards and committees. (\$6,110 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$3,112 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves in accordance with State law. (\$11,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$10,685 expended in 2015)**

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,180 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.**

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$72,900	\$73,850	\$66,681
EMS Building	6,000	6,300	4,225
Old Town House & Commons	5,500	5,500	4,353
Town Dock	4,280	3,000	3,680
Town Landings	12,000	12,000	25,298
Cedar Beach Monitors & Signage	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,242</u>
	\$103,180	\$103,150	\$105,479

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Land Acquisition and Town Property Improvement Fund for implementing a parking plan, replacing a float, and improving the boat launch at Pott's Point, including the use of such funds as the Town's share to match grants for these purposes.**

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 as a contribution to Harpswell Heritage Land Trust for its acquisition and preservation of 68 acres of land in the Otter Brook Focus Area of the Town's Open Space Plan, such land to be accessible to the public.**

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,300 for Mitchell Field.**

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Water Tower Removal	\$22,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	9,100	9,100	6,243
Electricity	1,000	1,000	1,090
Portable Toilets	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,722</u>
	\$33,300	\$11,300	\$9,055

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to adopt Recommendations for Improvements to the Waterfront at Mitchell Field, prepared by the Mitchell Field Committee and dated November 20, 2015, as a supplement to the Mitchell Field Master Plan.

[The Mitchell Field Committee's Report entitled Recommendations for Improvements to the Waterfront at Mitchell Field is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

Note: The Mitchell Field Master Plan, adopted at a Special Town Meeting on November 6, 2007, serves as a conceptual guide for future uses at Mitchell Field. The Mitchell Field Committee's recommendations provide further guidance and detail for implementing waterfront related aspects of the Mitchell Field Master Plan. **Implementation of specific elements of the Mitchell Field Master Plan as well as of these recommendations and any associated costs will require approval by subsequent warrant articles.**

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for removal, to the extent required, of the collapsed pump house debris near the Mitchell Field pier with any remaining funds to be held in the Mitchell Field reserve account for emergency repairs or other capital projects. (\$8,000 spent on partial removal in 2015)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for consulting services related to waterfront planning at Mitchell Field, including but not limited to pier planning, such funds may be used as the Town's share to match grants and reduced by up to \$15,000 depending upon the amount of grant funding received.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$514,324 for snow removal, road maintenance and road/street signs.

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Snow Removal	\$446,324	\$430,418	\$408,116
Road Maintenance & Signs	<u>68,000</u>	<u>72,500</u>	<u>58,198</u>
	\$514,324	\$502,918	\$466,314

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract for a period of not more than 5 years for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for capital improvement of roads, including, without limitation, drainage improvements, utility relocations, engineering, survey and other related costs, all as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. (\$177,269 expended in 2015)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$277,564 for 24/7 Harpswell-based paramedic coverage and related administrative support services provided by Mid Coast Health Services.** (\$277,564 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$277,560 expended).

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:**

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Islands Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,350 for other emergency services and management.**

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Back-up ALS & Central Communications	\$2,000	\$2,040	\$ 48
Fire Warden	2,200	2,200	1,700
Emergency Management	3,650	4,550	2,550
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>7,020</u>
	\$10,350	\$12,790	\$11,318

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for street lighting.** (\$28,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$26,208 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,426 for communication services with Cumberland County and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract with Cumberland County for a period of not more than 3 years for communication services.** (\$30,502 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$30,502 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,610 for law enforcement services with Cumberland County.** (\$332,164 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$332,163 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

- Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$187,396 for Marine Wardens and shellfish conservation related services with Cumberland County.** (\$184,842 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$184,842 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for boat operations for the Marine Patrol boat. (\$6,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$1,799 expended).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for marine resources and shellfish conservation activities, including contracting for management and oversight, purchasing conservation supplies for conservation projects and covering potential membership in the Tidelands Coalition. (\$12,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$8,892 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,230 for General Assistance and health & welfare agencies as follows:

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
General Assistance	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,887
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
Coastal Transportation	1,200	1,200	1,200
People Plus	1,500	1,500	1,500
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250	250
Tedford Housing	1,000	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500	500
Respite	1,600	1,600	1,600
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	3,500	3,200	3,200
American Red Cross	1,500	1,350	1,350
Day One	250	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,200	1,300	1,300
Family Focus	500	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	500	500	500
YMCA (Bath)	500	500	500
	<u>\$33,230</u>	<u>\$32,880</u>	<u>\$31,767</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,203 for the purposes as follows:

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Orr's Island Library	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	17,300	15,300	15,300
Ash Point/Harpswell Neck Library	0	4,525	0
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,500	1,600	1,385
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,603	2,544	2,544
Harpswell Business Association	3,000	3,000	3,000
Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association	2,000	2,000	2,000
Five River Arts Alliance	500	500	500
Maine Public Broadcasting	300	0	0
Water Safety Program	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$46,203	\$45,969	\$41,229

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$63,750 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$63,750 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$6,000 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same for a principal payment on a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to which equipment, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, has been acquired by the Town. (\$6,000 accepted and expended in 2015)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for a warranty on equipment, acquired by the Town in a lease-purchase agreement, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (\$8,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$7,987 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$5,400 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same as a pro-rata reimbursement to the Town, Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation and the three local Fire Departments for internet and cable television costs incurred by the same. (\$7,546, including from carryover funds, expended in 2015)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

	2016	2015	2015 Expended
Recycling/Transfer Station	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$48,643
Facilities	27,500	0	57,580
Office Equipment	2,500	7,500	25,429
Emergency Communications Equipment	0	5,000	0
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	0	30,000	37,033
Boat & Motor Replacement	0	5,000	0
	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$77,500</u>	<u>\$168,685</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 for debt service including interest on a tax anticipation note and interest on an equipment lease-purchase agreement for community broadcasting. (\$560,000 raised and appropriated in 2015; \$553,044 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2017 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2016 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 58-64 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2016 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of December 15, 2016 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 6% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a service to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed shall be repaid without interest. (36 M.R.S.A. § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2016 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, signing contract and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2016 budget from January 1, 2017 to the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by public bid or other competitive process any and all personal property deemed excess by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to such restrictions as the Board of Selectmen may impose.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 65 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$60,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,703,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, \$506,000 of unassigned fund balance and the homestead exemption reimbursement, estimated to be \$66,000, to reduce the tax commitment. (\$60,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,623,000 of non-property tax revenue, \$506,000 of unassigned fund balance and \$44,449 of homestead exemption reimbursement used in 2015)

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 66 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.

Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,624,937 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

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Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Harpswell Community School

Election of the moderator at 8 a.m.

Business meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Polls open until 5 p.m.



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263 Mountain Road

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Recycling & Transfer Center

21 Community Drive

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday*, Friday & Saturday:

8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (Transfer

Station Closes at 4 p.m.)

Closed Sunday & Monday,

*Closed Thursday from

January 1st to May 1st